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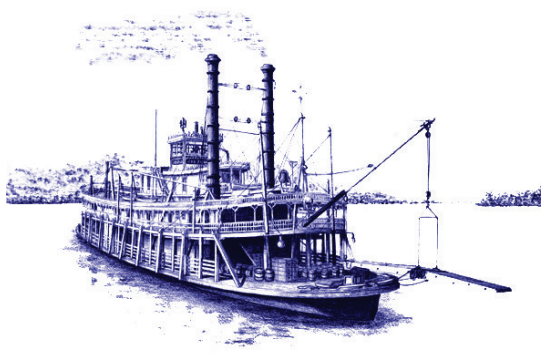

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Hanover provides update on park improvements

BY BOB DEMAREE

The town of Hanover last fall received a $574,412 grant for improvements to Hanover Community Park, and an update on that project was given at last Tuesday's Hanover Parks Board meeting.

Work is slated to begin soon by spreading gravel where approximately one-half mile of new trails will be placed, according to Rick Schnebelt, who has been charged with organizing the park improvements.

"We want to get the trails going in first so that we can use it as a construction road around the park," he said, noting that help prevent damage to the park grounds. Although the trails will initially be laid with gravel, Schnebelt said once other construction work is done they all will be paved with asphalt. When the new trails are completed, the park will have more than a mile of paved trails.

The project, funded by a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in which the town is providing a 50% match, will cost Hanover $287,206 with the National Park Service paying the other $287,206.

In addition to the new trails, the grant will provide funding for lighting on the baseball/softball fields and tennis court, new officials/storage buildings with restrooms and a long overdue refurbishment of the tennis courts.

Preparations have begun for the new lights with some materials arriving — light brackets and light — with poles slated to arrive soon. Schnebelt said Duke Energy has assisted with developing a plan for the new lighting along with planning for more park lighting in the future. One of the new officials/storage buildings will be built by expanding an existing building while the other one will be completely new.

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CONTINUING ON CORRIDOR

Bob Demaree

With progress being made on the Mulberry Street Arts Corridor Parking Lot Enhancemen, workers with Schutte Excavating, of Greensburg, were surveying the proper placement for columns that will be placed to protect the Kindness mural from damage by vehicles. Pictured (from left) are Trevor Kinker, Kyle Johannigman and Justin Allgeier.

Planning sends unified development ordinance to Commissioners

BY BOB DEMAREE

After a two-hour public hearing, the Jefferson County Plan Commission adopted a resolution to establish a new Jefferson County Unified Development Ordinance.

The hearing, held on Tuesday, March 7, cleared the way for the Plan Commission to move forward in adopting the resolution after general support during the public hearing. The ordinance must next be adopted by Jefferson County Commissioners before it can officially go into effect.

The new Unified Development Ordinance combines the county's zoning ordinance and subdivision control regulations and develops them into a single document to reduce redundancies, provide a more predictable development review process and provide a more user-friendly document. And in doing so, the resolution that was approved by the Plan Commission provides for the repeal of the prior zoning and subdivision control ordinances.

Among the changes in the ordinance are a reduction in minimum lot size from 1.72 acres to 1.15 acres while also establishing the minimum square footage for a house at 600 square feet.

The new Unified Development Ordinance also provides requirements for solar energy developments that include approval of the development plan and approval of a special exception by the Board of Zoning Appeals prior to issuance of any building permits. There is a also a requirement that a bond be posted to provide protections in the event that a solar field is abandoned, so that the land can be reclaimed to the way it was before the development.

VMI says data shows huge tourism bounceback

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The onset of COVID-19 in 2020 was not only deadly for some local residents but devastating for local tourism, but the bounceback was extraordinary for Jefferson County tourism with total visitor spending of $51.5 million in 2021.

Earlier this month, Rockport Analytics announced its most recent report detailing the impact of tourism on Madison and Jefferson County.

With the $51.5 million in total spending, Madison and Jefferson County saw a 25% increase over 2020 and a 13% increase over 2019, which was the previous best year ever.

Other data from the report showed that in 2021, the Jefferson County Direct Tourism Industry GDP was $17.4 million, and supported 580 jobs which makes it the fifth largest non-government industry in Jefferson County, which is up 22% from 2020.

Tourism also generated $8.4 million in total taxes in 2021 which means that if tourism did not exist in Jefferson County, each of the 12,748 households would have to pay an additional $432 per year in taxes to maintain current levels of state and local government services.

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Hanover, Ivy Tech partner on nursing program

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A partnership between Ivy Tech Community College Madison and Hanover College will allow students to pursue nursing degrees through the two institutions.

The partnership, called the 1+2+1 Model, will provide Hanover College students with an opportunity to obtain an Associates of Science in Nursing at Ivy Tech Madison while working toward their Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Hanover.

Students will enroll at Hanover College for their first year and take general education core classes. During the second and third year, the students will be dual enrolled with Ivy Tech Madison and take nursing classes to obtain their Associates of Science in Nursing. During the final year, students will complete their undergraduate studies at Hanover College, to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Students enrolled in the program will live on the Hanover College campus all four years and have the opportunity to participate fully in campus life.

"This model is the first of its kind in Indiana," said Dr. Amanda Harsin, chancellor of Ivy Tech Madison. "We are proud of the innovation, and we applaud Hanover College collaborating with us and for building a path for students to use our premier faculty and facilities."

"For years, Ivy Tech-Madison has been an important partner for Hanover College and our community, and we are excited to again be charting a new course together," said Hanover College President Lake Lambert.

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Courier shifting to twice weekly

Facing rising inflation and higher business costs, Paxton Media Group, the parent company of dozens of daily and weekly newspapers across the United States, has announced a reduction in publications at the majority of its newspapers including The Madison Courier.

Beginning this week, The Madison Courier will shift from three issues per week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to two issues weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays. There will be no Thursday edition moving forward and the Saturday paper will now be distributed on Fridays.

By producing two newspapers per week, The Madison Courier will save on ink, newsprint, transportation and postage costs and that, combined with price increases adopted earlier this year, will allow the newspaper to continue covering community news with no cuts in staffing. In addition to the two print editions, The Madison Courier website — www.madisoncourier.com — will continue to serve our readers with content from the print editions as well as additional coverage we think is important to our readers before and after the newspaper goes to press.

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Seymour man arrested for meth, prostitution

George Leibert Christy

Christy facing Level 6 felony and misdemeanor charges

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Jackson County, Indiana, man was arrested on narcotics and prostitution charges by Madison Police.

George Liebert Christy, 57, Seymour, was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Prostitution, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.

According to an investigation led by Madison Patrolman Kyle Lane, Christy allegedly provided methamphetamine to an adult female for the promise of a sexual act while giving her a ride from from a local nursing facility where she had been residing. The female was found at the intersection of Clifty and Lanier drives after she allegedly exited Christy's vehicle. Nursing home staff picked the female up and safely returned her to the facility.

Following a search, officers located methamphetamine and paraphernalia associated with the use of drugs. Christy was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Jefferson County Jail where he is being held on $1,000 cash bond.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

March 10, 2023

Aram David Meeks Smith, 29, Vevay, Indiana, for Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $1,000 cash.

Heaven Lynn Samuels, 19, Madison For Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and on a Jefferson County warrant for Failure to Appear-2 Counts (drug charges). Bond a combined $15,000 cash.

Alex Zachary Gomez, 22, Madison, for Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, a Level 5 felony; Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 felony; and Visiting a Common Nuisance-Alcohol and Resisting Law Enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond $1,000 cash.

William Earl Eversole, 52, no address, for Criminal Recklessness, a Level 6 felony. Bond $1,000 cash.

Savannah Rae Durbin, 22, Madison, for Neglect of a Dependent, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Schedule Drug, Unlawful Possession or use of a Legend Drug, Possession of a Syringe and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, all Level 6 felonies; False Informing, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

Eduardo H. Bautista, 22, Carrollton, Kentucky, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

March 11, 2023

Derick Raylee Carder, 35, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, Residential Entry, Burglary and Possession of a Syringe, all Level 6 felonies; Possession of a Schedule Drug, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

George Leibert Christy, 57, North Vernon, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Prostitution, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $1,000 cash.

Brandon Michael Duncan, 38, Madison, for Burglary, Residential Entry, Resisting Law Enforcement, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Syringe, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

March 12, 2023

Kevin J. Ford, 37, Dupont, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

March 9, 2023

Todd Eugene Higdon, 51, North Vernon, Indiana, to amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 12 days served and 528 days suspended for supervised probation plus $885 in fees and court costs.

Dalton Keith Skirvin, 25, Lexington, Indiana, for Trafficking with an Inmate, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,460 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 236 days served and 730 days suspended for supervised probation plus $485 in fees and court costs.

Justin Neil Brooks, 41, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for zero days served and 1,095 days suspended for supervised probation plus $485 in fees and court costs.

Bryan K. Boggs, 43, Madison, for Knowingly Driving While Suspended-Prior Conviction Within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $185.50 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

March 10, 2023

Kelly Ann Rodgers and Ryan Eugene Rodgers to GQ207 LLC, North half of vacated alley, 207 West First Street, Madison

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Beau Recon LLC and Beau Gray (president) to Pablo Lopez, 326 Hendricks Street, Madison ($110,000).

Steven W. Aulbach to Nelson Lengacher and Krista Lengacher, approximately 7.5 acres at 8657 West Jones Road, Lexington.

Steven W. Aulbach to Grendan J. Bates and Aylah M. Bates, approximately 7.5 acres of Tract 1 Dunlap Farm ($56,000)

Madison police dismiss Cutshall charges

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Charges have been dismissed against a Madison woman who was charged in a traffic stop that recovered more than 290 grams of methamphetamine earlier this month.

Taylor Cutshall, 29, Madison, was a passenger in a vehicle with two men when all three were charged with Dealing Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony; and Maintaining a Common Nuisance.

According to Madison Police Chief John Wallace, based on further investigation by Madison Police all three charges against Cutshall have been dismissed.

VMI

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"The economic impact of tourism in this report is a direct result of the investment that our community made even during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit Madison Executive Marketing Director Sarah Prasil has worked tirelessly with the Jefferson County Board of Tourism to ensure that the community is marketed well, and this is the result of that investment. Tourism means somuch to our businesses and residents, and it is exciting to see it bear fruit," said Andrew Forrester, executive tourism director for Visit Madison.

"Investing in this co-op analysis with Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC / Visit Indiana) has allowed not only the tourism sector to learn progress, successes and make benchmarks; but many current and new businesses and economic development in the city and county" said Prasil. "We are proud at VMI to house such important information that is absolutely vital to all our community's growth. I'm humbled for the recognition and know that VMI's consistency to keep Madison and Jefferson County top of mind is the very reason we are seeing growth today. The effects of marketing often times aren't immediate, so the foundation and efforts before me are just as important."

Record innkeeper tax receipts from 2022 saw Jefferson County collect more than $639,000 during calendar year 2022, which is 19% higher than 2021 and 31% over the previous high in 2019. Rockport Analytics data for the 2022 calendar year will be released in March of 2024.

VMI Board President, Lucy Dattilo said, "I became President of VMI in 2020, the most challenging of times in the history of Jefferson County/Madison tourism. As the leader in tourism, VMI works closely with the Jefferson County Board of Tourism, the City of Madison, Mayor Courtney, and countless partners and businesses to not only survive but thrive over the last three years. The Rockport Analytics analysis findings are a direct reflection of this collaboration, but the real credit goes to those before us. Tourism success relies heavily on strategic, strong marketing efforts and The Madison 'product'; historic sites, riverfront development, state sites like Clifty Falls State Park and the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site, retail, arts and culture. The list goes on and on. Collectively, with the assistance of county and city government, the Rockport data proves that our community knows what they are doing. The interjection of 51.5 million visitor spending dollars into our community is necessary for our sustainability. I am proud of the VMI staff and board for helping lead the way."

Visit Madison has already been preparing to welcome even more visitors in 2023. It recently received and is distributing new 2023 Experience Guides, magnetic calendars of events, and tear-off calendar sheets for businesses to share with customers and visitors. Tourism Week 2023 will be coming May 7-13 and events and activities celebrating that will be announced in April.

The study was commissioned by the Indiana Destination Development Corporation and conducted by Rockport Analytics, an independent market research and consulting company specializing tin economic impact and feasibility studies for the travel, tourism and hospitality industry.

PROGRAM

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"This partnership will transform nursing education in our region and will create tremendous opportunities for our students in the future."

Hanover College will invite prospective students to join its nursing pathway this fall starting in August 2023. Students will complete their Associate of Science in Nursing by 2026 and be able to work in the community while they complete their bachelor's degree in their final year.

Hanover and Ivy Tech have partnered in preparing students for jobs in the healthcare workforce since 2019 when Hanover College approached Ivy Tech Madison to prepare Hanover students for the state licensure of Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Each May since 2019, Ivy Tech has taught and prepared 10 Hanover College students for the state licensure to assist them in gaining patient contact hours for graduate programs in health sciences.

The strong CNA collaboration and increased interest in the nursing program from prospective students drove discussions about the potential for an ASN to BSN partnership between the two colleges in the summer of 2021, allowing prospective Hanover College students to pursue the in-demand career. As a result of continued community conversations and partnerships, Hanover and Ivy Tech guided the Higher Learning Commission visit that resulted in the necessary approval for the 1+2+1 Model. The 1+2+1 Model was approved by the Higher Learning Commission on Feb. 27 at the Institutional Actions Council meeting.

Ivy Tech is the largest Associate Degree in Nursing Program in the nation, annually graduating more than 1,300 nurses (32% of all new Registered Nurses in Indiana). Ninety% of those Ivy Tech graduates work in Indiana. The Madison campus nursing program, led by Dean Stephanie Knox, has graduated almost 1,800 nurses since its implementation back in 1990.

Hanover College's core strengths include outstanding programs in the natural and life sciences, such as kinesiology and integrated physiology, psychology, biology and chemistry, among others. Hanover's nursing program will be directed by Dr. Amber Wilson, who previously served as assistant professor of nursing and certified nursing assistant program director at Ivy Tech-Madison.

Individuals who are interested in learning more about the 1+2+1 Nursing Program can visit Hanover's website at hanover.edu/nursing.

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Temperature: High 37, Low 25, Mean 31.0, Deficit 9.2
Precipitation since last published: .02
Precipitation, March 2023: 3.10
Precipitation, 2023: 10.74
Barometer: 29.91, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 425.0, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Sunny High 51/Low 31; Thursday: Cloudy High 60/Low 50; Friday: Showers High 55/Low 28; Saturday: Mostly cloudy High 40/Low 22.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 9-11-16-22-32-33 (3/11). Next Estimated Jackpot: $12.6 million. Next Drawing (3/15).
Daily 3: 3-4-5 SB: 2
Daily 4: 1-3-2-1 SB: 2
Cash Five: 1-4-13-14-23 (312)
Cash 4 Life: 16-20-25-40-56 CB: 3 (3/12)

KENTUCKY
Pick 3: 0-9-0
Pick 4: 4-3-8-3
Cash Ball: 10-18-19-20 CB: 19 (3/12)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 19-29-31-34-36 (3/12)
Lucky For Life: 9-27-32-37-43 LB: 1 (3/12)

MEGAMILLIONS
9-20-59-60-63 MB: 5, MP x2 (3/10). Next Jackpot: $229 million. Next Drawing (3/14)

POWERBALL
11-20-33-43-58 PB: 24, PP: 1 (3/11). Next Estimated Jackpot: $52 million. Next Drawing (3/13)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
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The changes at The Madison Courier are not unique to Paxton Media Group or other newspaper operations. Publication reductions are taking place at many news operations across the country.

The Madison Courier remains dedicated to covering community news and we will continue to do the best job we can with the print and web resources at our disposal.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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Jerry Pflaumer

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Erin Williams

OBITUARIES

Brian Federman

Brian Jay Federman, 56, of Dupont, Indiana and formerly of Valparaiso, Indiana, died unexpectedly on Friday, March 10, 2023, in the emergency room at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, Indiana.

He was born on Sept. 19, 1966, in Cook County, Illinois, to Lawrence O. "Larry" and Gloria Ann Galsky Federman. He was raised in Valparaiso and graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1984. He attended Purdue University to study engineering and later studied criminal justice. He was inducted into the US Marine Corps on Feb. 3, 1986, in Chicago, and rose to the rate of Sergeant E-5 serving in the Military Police during Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm. He was honorably discharged on Feb. 2, 1992, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, receiving the Meritorious Mast, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one star, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two stars, and two letters of appreciation. He returned home and worked 10 years with the Laporte County Juvenile Center as a detention officer. In 2006 he began a career with the Indiana Department of Correction and rose to the rate of sergeant in 2012 and transferred to the Madison Correctional Facility where he worked until his death. He enjoyed shooting, being with his grandchildren, watching sports and was patriotic. He liked Jimmy Buffett and listening to country music.

Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Debra Lee Burk Harrison Federman of Dupont; his stepson, Ryan Harrison of Madison; his brother, Allen Federman of Indianapolis; and four grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 17, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison. Visitation is 11 a.m. until the time of services on Friday at the funeral home. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Madison Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Ora Handlon

Ora Handlon, 63, of Milton, Kentucky, died Friday, March 10, 2023, at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, Kentucky, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Tom Poston

Thomas Dean "Tom" Poston, 88, of Mason, Ohio, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Florida.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1934, in Madison, Indiana, to Arthur Raymond and Elvessa Morrison Poston. He was raised in Switzerland County, Indiana, until 1951 when the family moved to Anderson, Indiana. He graduated from Anderson High School in 1952, and was inducted into the US Navy on Aug. 4, 1952, in Great Lakes, Illinois. He served during the Korean War and received the National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Aviation Structural Mechanic Structural Airman on June 1, 1954 at the US Naval Air Station in Alameda, California. He was inducted into the US Air Force on May 12, 1959, in Indianapolis, and served during the Vietnam War. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the Air & Space Longevity Service Award. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant on Jan. 6, 1965, and received his commission in the Medical Service Corps on Jan. 7, 1965, at the Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. He received the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (Army), Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters. He retired from the service on June 30, 1983, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. After his military service, he was employed as director of medical materials management for Humana Hospital in Sebastian, Florida. He received his bachelor's degree in general education from the University of Nebraska Omaha. He married Barbara Jean Braun on March 24, 1962, in Philadelphia, and they had two sons. He enjoyed traveling and mission work, as well as woodworking, home repairs and projects. He resided in Florida, Virginia, Ohio and Michigan, as well as, Louisville and Mason, Ohio. He was a former member of the Fern Creek Christian Church in Louisville, River Run Christian Church in Melbourne, Florida, and Langley Christian Church in Hampton, Virginia. He was a member of the Air Force Retired Officers Association and Christ's Church in Mason.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years of Mason; his sons, Robert "Bob" Poston of Worthington, Ohio and Steven "Steve" Poston of Greenwood, Indiana; his grandchildren, Genevieve Elise Poston, Rebecca Danielle Figgins, Caleb Thomas Poston and Kathryn Elizabeth "Kate" Osborne; and three great grandchildren, his cousins and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Raymond Ward Poston on July 24, 2022.

Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Friday, March 17, at Christ's Church in Mason. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery in Vevay. Full military rites will be conducted by the Honor Guard of the Vevay American Legion Post 185 and the Vevay VFW Post 5396 and the Ceremonial Unit at the cemetery. Visitation is 10 a.m. to noon on Friday at the church. Arrangements entrusted to Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay.

Memorial contributions may be made to the TCM International Institute www.tcmi.org through the funeral home or online, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Mary Peelman

Mary Gladys Burnett Peelman, 91, of Freeburg, Illinois and formerly of Vevay, Indiana, died Monday, March 6, 2023, at the Freeburg Care Center in Freeburg.

She was born on Oct. 2, 1931, in Henry County, Kentucky, to Marshall J. and Myrtle Stivers Burnett. She was raised in Switzerland County, Indiana, and was a 1948 graduate of Vevay High School. She graduated from Indiana University in 1969 with a degree in education and taught at Prince of Peace Elementary in Madison, Indiana, in 1968, and first grade at Ryker's Ridge Elementary near Madison from 1969 to 1996. She then worked for three years as a Reading Recovery Interventionist. She had two daughters from her first marriage to William Elder in Rising Sun, Indiana, and later married Amie J. Peelman Jr. on April 12, 1968 in Vevay. She was a medical technician for the first ambulance service in Switzerland County, operated Ma Burnett's Restaurant for seven years, worked at US Shoe Factory in Vevay for 10 years, farmed in tobacco with her husband and operated a boarding house in an 1840s home directly across from the Vevay Courthouse while residing a block away in a two-story brick 1860s era house until she and her second husband could no longer live alone and they moved to Freeburg to live with her daughter. She was a member of Delta Kappa and Gamma Sorority and the Retired Teachers Association. She was also a member of the Switzerland Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, reading, volunteer tutoring and working with Hospice of Jennings County, Indiana. She developed lasting relationships with many of her students and their parents as well as her teaching associates, administrators and school staff. After retirement she traveled domestically and abroad with her daughters. She was instrumental in teaching her grandchildren to read well.

Survivors include her second husband of 54 years of Freeburg; her daughters, Marilyn Anne Iverson of Freeburg and Deborah Kay Stone of Williamstown, Kentucky; her stepdaughter, Peggy Johnson of Greenwood, Indiana; her grandchildren, Kelly McClellan of Georgetown, Kentucky, Joshua Stone of Canton, Michigan and Jacob Stone of Lexington, Kentucky; her step grandchildren, April Mahoney, Stacey Penick, Toni Hiers and Deanna King; and eight great grandchildren, five step great grandchildren, her step great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepdaughter, Linda D. "Winnie" Wilson on April 17, 2022; her sisters, Alleene Flood on April 16, 1993, Norma Jean Knox on Aug. 16, 1993 and Alma Alice Nally on May 5, 2021; her brothers, Raymond J. Burnett on April 7, 1995 and Albert Earl Burnett; and an uncle.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery there. Visitation is 11 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Delta Kappa and Gamma Sorority, Keeping Pace Cancer Fund, Diabetes Association or American Heart Association through the funeral home or online, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Daniel Hoskins

Daniel Wayne Hoskins, 44, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Carroll County Memorial Hospital in Carrollton.

He was born on April 4, 1978, to Mary Diane Mazza and Danny Hoskins. He was a lifelong resident of Carrollton and an outdoor enthusiast. He loved to fish and hunt and was a hard worker.

Survivors include his parents; four children, Joshua Hoskins, Jaylyn Lawrence, Rileigh Hoskins and Sarah Hoskins; four siblings, Velvet Hoskins, Jared Hoskins, Brittany Mazza and Kelsey Hoskins; and his grandparents, Wilk and Bonnie Hoskins.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, at the Asher-Jones Family Cemetery in Hyden Kentucky.

Visitation is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton.

Online condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Jeff Owen

Jeffrey "Jeff" William Owen, 61, of Madison, Indiana, died Sunday, March 12, 2023, at his home, after a battle with cancer.

He was born on April 11, 1961, in Madison, to John William "Bill" Owen Jr. and Marilyn Ruth Hayes Owen.

He was a 1979 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School and married Nancy Rene Smith on June 13, 1981, in Madison, and they had a son and a daughter. He lived his entire life in the Madison area, was retired from Rotary Lift as an assembler after 35 years service and owned his own excavating company, Owen Excavation, for 10 years. He was a member of Rykers Ridge Baptist Church and a volunteer firefighter for Ryker's Ridge Fire Department for seven years.

He enjoyed camping, fishing and riding motorcycles. He loved being with his family, friends and traveling, particularly to the beach.

Survivors include his mother of Madison; his wife of 41 years of Madison; his son, Christopher Owen of Commiskey, Indiana; his daughter, Amy Owen of Greensburg, Indiana; his sister, Dawn Marie Owen Houze of Lexington, Indiana; his brother, Robert Neil Owen of Madison; and three grandchildren, his uncles and aunts, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father and other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow in the Ryker's Ridge New Cemetery near Madison. Visitation is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon until the time of services on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rykers Ridge Baptist Church, the Jefferson County Animal Shelter or to Special Olympics through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Michael Stika

Michael Gerard Stika, 68, of Madison, Indiana, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at Kindred Hospital in Louisville.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1955, in Cresco, Iowa, to Robert and Dorothy Hruska Stika Sr.

He attended Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School and Crestwood High School in Cresco. He married Yvonne Todd on July 31, 2015, in Fishers, Indiana.

He was retired from farming and a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus in Iowa and Holy Spirit Trinity Catholic Church in Cresco and Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Madison. He enjoyed woodworking, rescuing vintage tools and gardening.

Survivors include his wife of seven years of Madison; his sisters, Mary Cheville and Shirley Nelson, both of Ames, Iowa and Geralyn Smith, of Waukon, Iowa; his brothers, Robert Stika Jr. and Ron Stika, both of Cresco; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents; and four siblings, Denise Stika, Gerald Stika, Dale Stika and Helen Watson.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Protivin, Iowa. Arrangements entrusted to Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Trinity Parish in Protivin or the Knights of Columbus Seminarian Fund through the funeral home, www.lytlewelty.com.

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Let Us Pause To Honor the Memory of Mr. Jonnie Mack Whicker

Mr. Jonnie Mack Whicker, age 71, of Lexington, Indiana entered this life on March 26, 1951 in London, Kentucky. He was the loving son of the late Farris and Ethel York Whicker. He had resided in Jefferson County for the past 69 years and was a 1969 graduate of Southwestern High School. He was retired after 40 years of service with Reliance Electric Company in Madison as a machine operator. On June 25, 1999 he was united in marriage to Donna Jean Smith in Carrollton, Kentucky. Mack as he was known enjoyed playing cards, watching old westerns, watching IU Basketball, fishing, mushroom hunting, gardening, reading and he was an avid fan of Gunsmoke. Mack's greatest joy was watching his grandson, Elijah play baseball and pursue his racing dreams. He was a loving husband, dad, papaw, brother, uncle, and brother in law. Jonnie died on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 2:55 p.m. at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

A LOVING FAMILY

Jonnie will be missed by his loving wife, Donna J. Smith Whicker of Lexington, Indiana; his loving daughters, Ginger Whicker of Madison, Indiana, Delena Knoke and her husband, Jason of Columbus, Indiana; his adoring grandson, Elijah Knoke of Columbus, Indiana; his brothers, Roger Whicker of Kingston, Georgia, Ronnie Whicker and his wife Terry of Hanover, Indiana, Danny Whicker of Hanover, Indiana; his sister, Sue Armand and her husband Rick of Madison, Indiana; his sisters in law and brothers in laws, Beverly Nichols and her husband, Terry of Columbus, Indiana, Teresa Lytle and her husband, Jeff of Austin, Indiana, Diana Gray of Seymour, Indiana, Donald "Doc" Smith and his wife, Tina of Lexington, Indiana; his beloved dog, Harper; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Farris Whicker, died August 16, 1988, his mother, Ethel York Whicker, died June 14, 2009, his sister, Jewell Whicker Crook, died February 18, 2019, his brother, Charles Wayne Whicker, died August 22, 2017, his father in law and his mother in law, Donald A. Smith, died January 7, 2017 and Paula J. Dixon Smith, died May 29, 2019.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Entombment will be at the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, Indiana.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.compaid back page for Jonnie Whicker

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Mary Goode Wallis passed away in 2013.

This year, she gave $27,900 to local nonprofit organizations.

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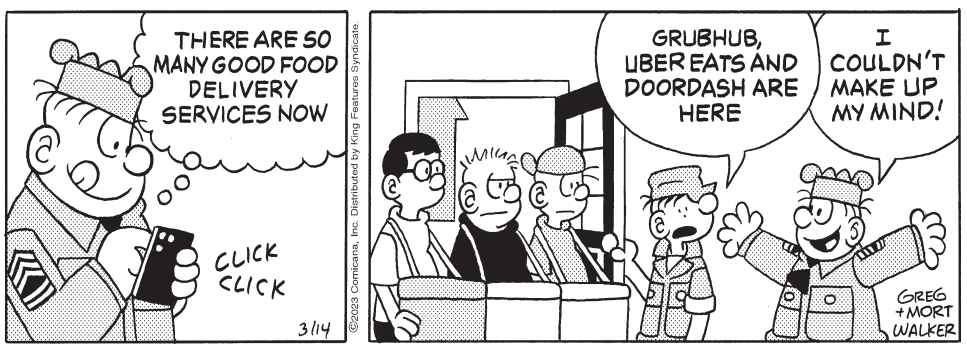
THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES NOW
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GRUBHUB, UBER EATS AND DOORDASH ARE HERE
I COULDN'T MAKE UP MY MIND!
GREG + MORT WALKER

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REALLY?
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I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT PICKLEBALL IS
NEITHER DO I
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BUT I KNOW WHAT A PULLED PICKLED PORK SANDWICH IS
GAME ON!!
YOUNG MARSHALL

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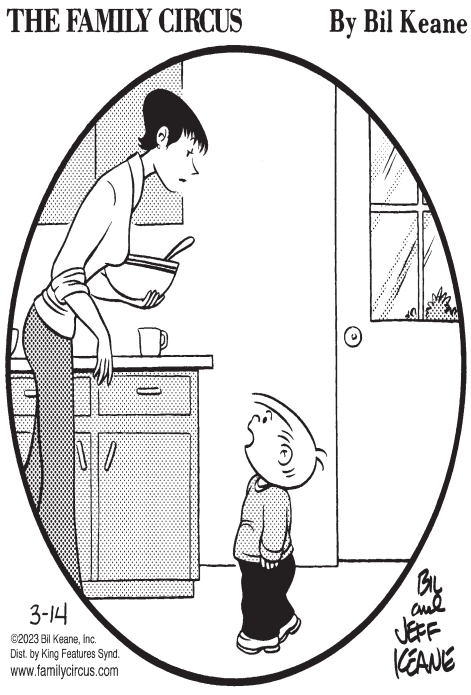
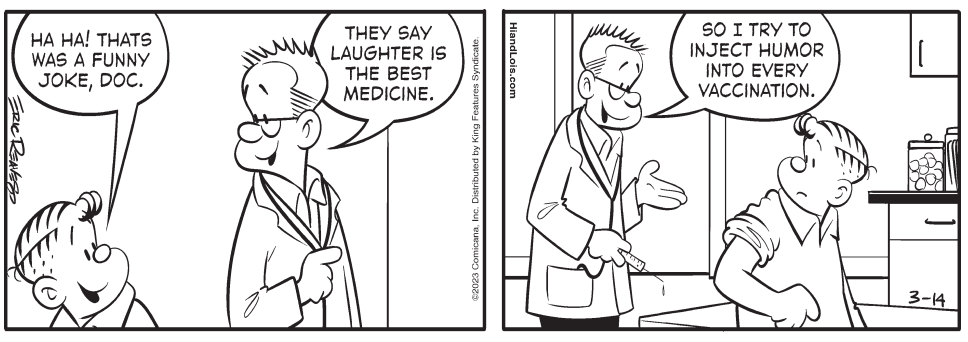


"Mommy, did you used to be sexy?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I INVITED ALL OF MY FRIENDS OVER FOR MY BIRTHDAY!"

HI & LOIS


HA HA! THATS WAS A FUNNY JOKE, DOC.
THEY SAY LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE.
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SO I TRY TO INJECT HUMOR INTO EVERY VACCINATION.
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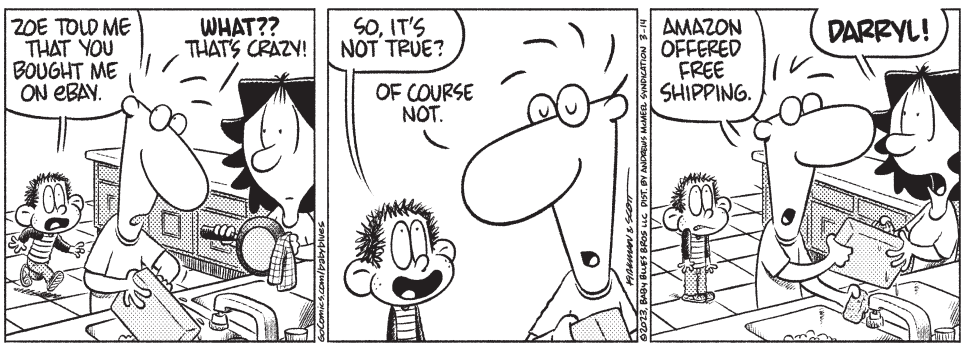

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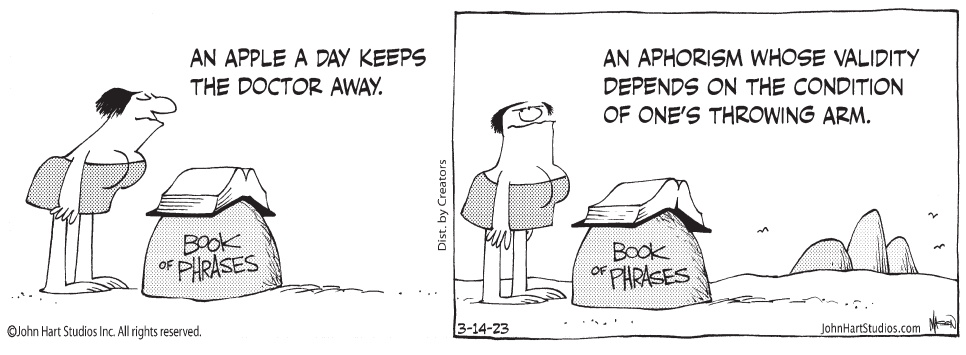
AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY.
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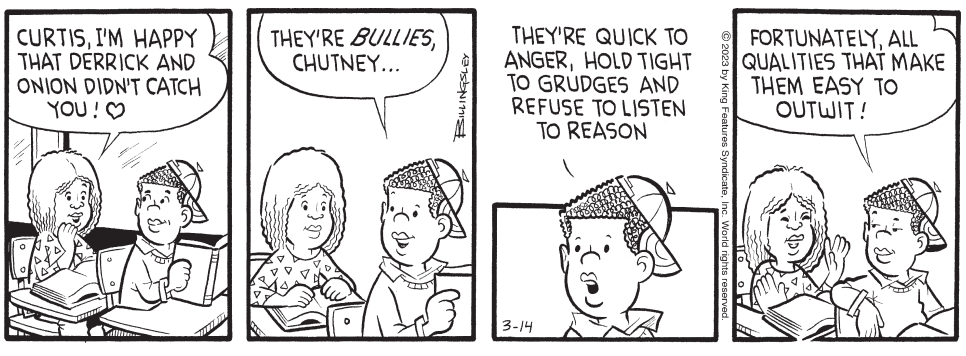
CURTIS


CURTIS, I'M HAPPY THAT DERRICK AND ONION DIDN'T CATCH YOU! ♡
THEY'RE BULLIES, CHUTNEY...
THEY'RE QUICK TO ANGER, HOLD TIGHT TO GRUDGES AND REFUSE TO LISTEN TO REASON
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FORTUNATELY, ALL QUALITIES THAT MAKE THEM EASY TO OUTWIT!

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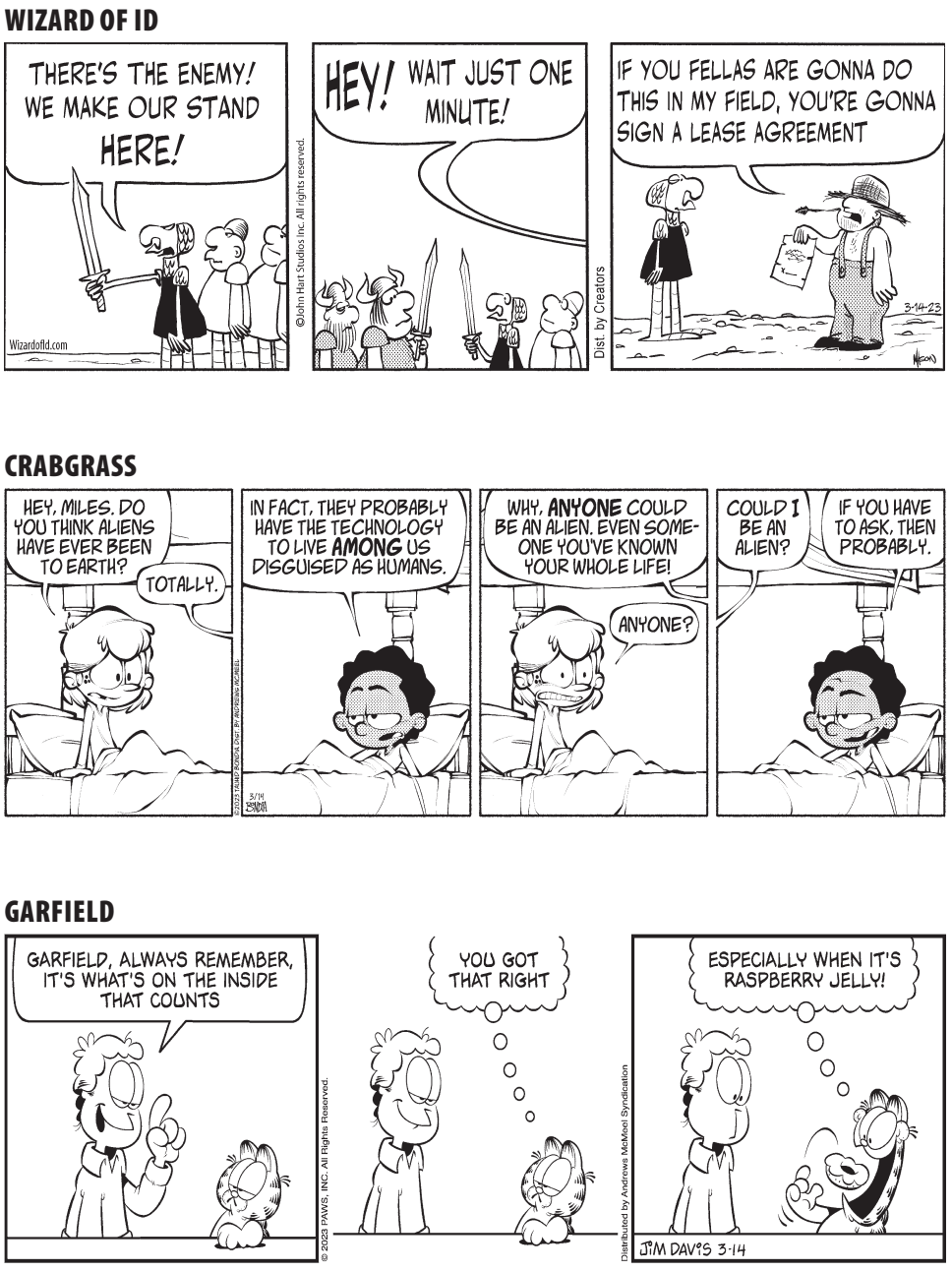
THERE'S THE ENEMY! WE MAKE OUR STAND HERE!
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HEY! WAIT JUST ONE MINUTE!
IF YOU FELLAS ARE GONNA DO THIS IN MY FIELD, YOU'RE GONNA SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT
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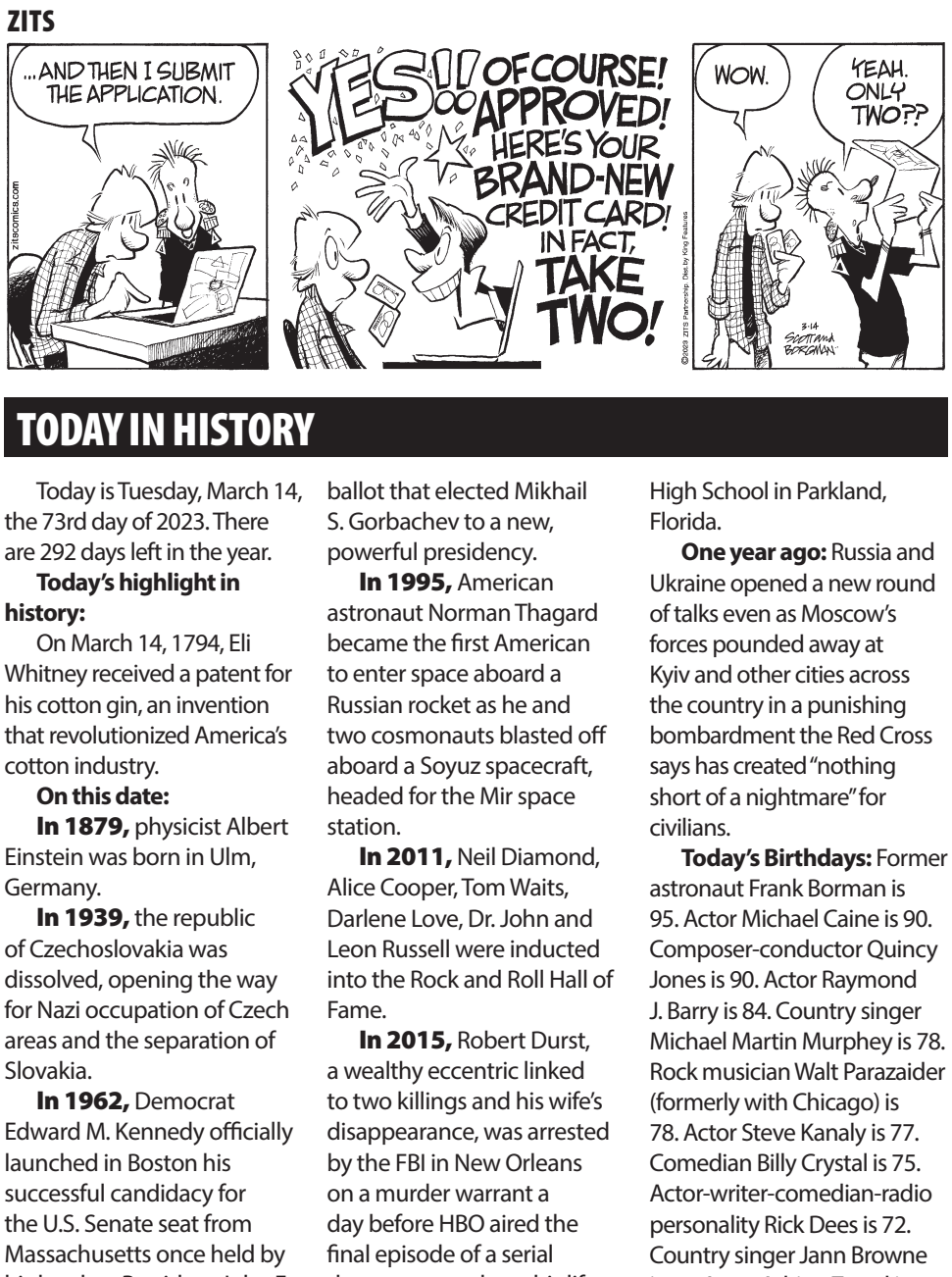
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YES!! OF COURSE! APPROVED! HERE'S YOUR BRAND-NEW CREDIT CARD! IN FACT, TAKE TWO!
WOW.
YEAH. ONLY TWO??
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CRABGRASS

HEY, MILES. DO YOU THINK ALIENS HAVE EVER BEEN TO EARTH?
TOTALLY.
IN FACT, THEY PROBABLY HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO LIVE AMONG US DISGUISED AS HUMANS.
WHY, ANYONE COULD BE AN ALIEN. EVEN SOMEONE YOU'VE KNOWN YOUR WHOLE LIFE!
ANYONE?
COULD I BE AN ALIEN?
IF YOU HAVE TO ASK, THEN PROBABLY.

GARFIELD

GARFIELD, ALWAYS REMEMBER, IT'S WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE THAT COUNTS
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ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S RASPBERRY JELLY!
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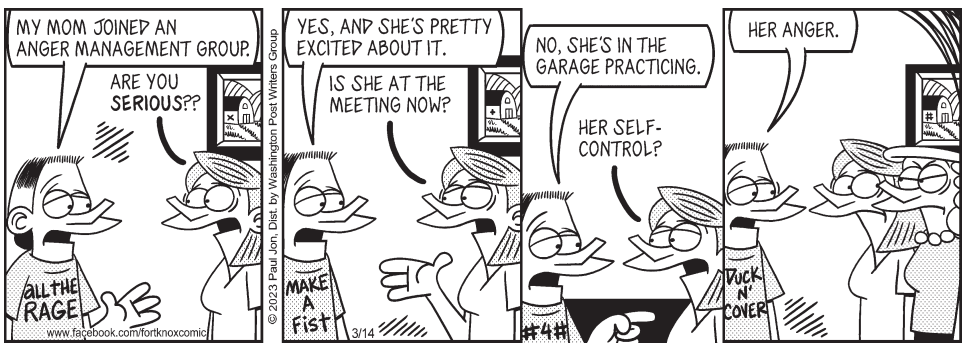

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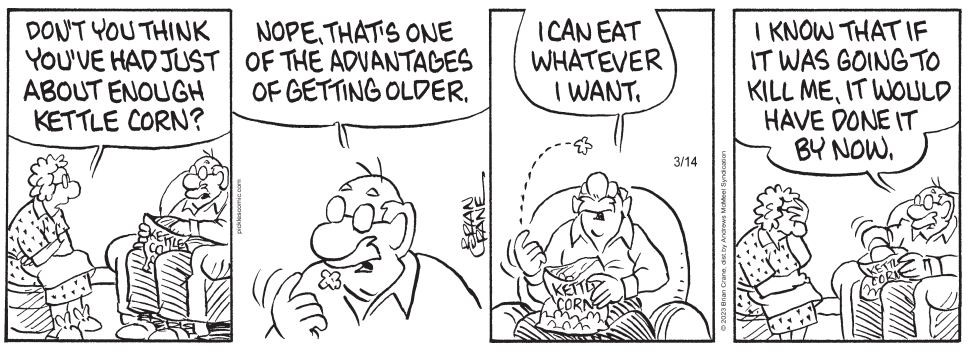
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH KETTLE CORN?
NOPE. THAT'S ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF GETTING OLDER.
I CAN EAT WHATEVER I WANT.
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KETTLE CORN
I KNOW THAT IF IT WAS GOING TO KILL ME, IT WOULD HAVE DONE IT BY NOW.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2023. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

On this date:

In 1879, physicist Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia.

In 1962, Democrat Edward M. Kennedy officially launched in Boston his successful candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat from Massachusetts once held by his brother, President John F. Kennedy. (Edward Kennedy served in the Senate for nearly 47 years.)

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.)

In 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

In 1980, a LOT Polish Airlines jet crashed while attempting to land in Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1990, the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies held a secret ballot that elected Mikhail S. Gorbachev to a new, powerful presidency.

In 1995, American astronaut Norman Thagard became the first American to enter space aboard a Russian rocket as he and two cosmonauts blasted off aboard a Soyuz spacecraft, headed for the Mir space station.

In 2011, Neil Diamond, Alice Cooper, Tom Waits, Darlene Love, Dr. John and Leon Russell were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In 2015, Robert Durst, a wealthy eccentric linked to two killings and his wife's disappearance, was arrested by the FBI in New Orleans on a murder warrant a day before HBO aired the final episode of a serial documentary about his life. (Durst would be convicted in the shooting death of his friend, Susan Berman; he died in January 2022 while serving a life sentence in California.)

Ten years ago: During his first full day as pontiff, Pope Francis stopped by his Vatican hotel to pick up his luggage and pay the bill himself. Some 10,000 workers from across the European Union protested outside a summit of EU leaders in Brussels, demanding they end years of austerity and focus instead on curbing runaway unemployment with more spending.

Five years ago: Tens of thousands of students across the country walked out of their classrooms to demand action on gun violence and school safety; the action came a month after the shooting that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

One year ago: Russia and Ukraine opened a new round of talks even as Moscow's forces pounded away at Kyiv and other cities across the country in a punishing bombardment the Red Cross says has created "nothing short of a nightmare" for civilians.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Frank Borman is 95. Actor Michael Caine is 90. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 90. Actor Raymond J. Barry is 84. Country singer Michael Martin Murphey is 78. Rock musician Walt Parazaider (formerly with Chicago) is 78. Actor Steve Kanaly is 77. Comedian Billy Crystal is 75. Actor-writer-comedian-radio personality Rick Dees is 72. Country singer Jann Browne is 69. Actor Adrian Zmed is 69. Prince Albert II, the ruler of Monaco, is 65. Actor Laila Robins is 64. Actor Tamara Tunie is 64. Actor Elise Neal is 57. Actor Gary Anthony Williams is 57. Actor Megan Follows is 55. Rock musician Michael Bland is 54. Country singer Kristian Bush is 53. Actor Betsy Brandt is 50. Actor Grace Park is 49. Actor Daniel Gillies is 47. Actor Corey Stoll is 47. Actor Jake Fogelnest is 44. Actor Chris Klein is 44. Actor Ryan Cartwright (TV: "Kevin Can Wait") is 42. Actor Kate Maberly is 41. Singer-musician Taylor Hanson (Hanson) is 40. Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R-Texas, is 39. Actor Jamie Bell is 37. Rock musician Este Haim (HY'-uhm) (Haim) is 37. NBA star Stephen Curry is 35. Actor Ansel Elgort is 29. Olympic gold medal gymnast Simone Biles is 26. Actor James Freedson-Jackson (Film: "The Strange Ones") is 21.

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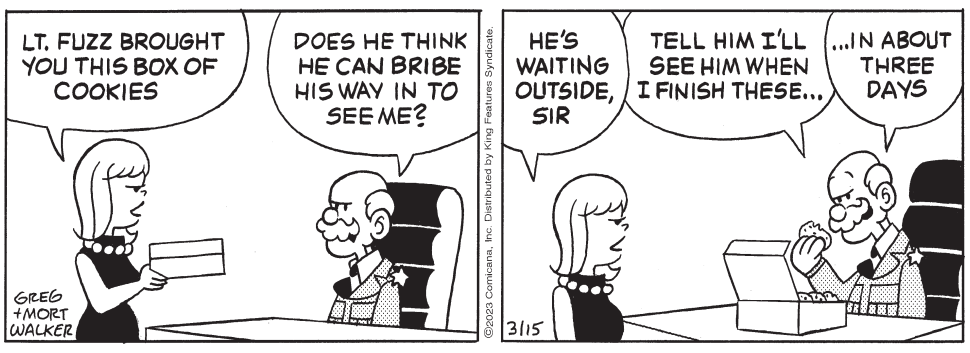
LT. FUZZ BROUGHT YOU THIS BOX OF COOKIES
DOES HE THINK HE CAN BRIBE HIS WAY IN TO SEE ME?
GREG + MORT WALKER
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HE'S WAITING OUTSIDE, SIR
TELL HIM I'LL SEE HIM WHEN I FINISH THESE...
...IN ABOUT THREE DAYS
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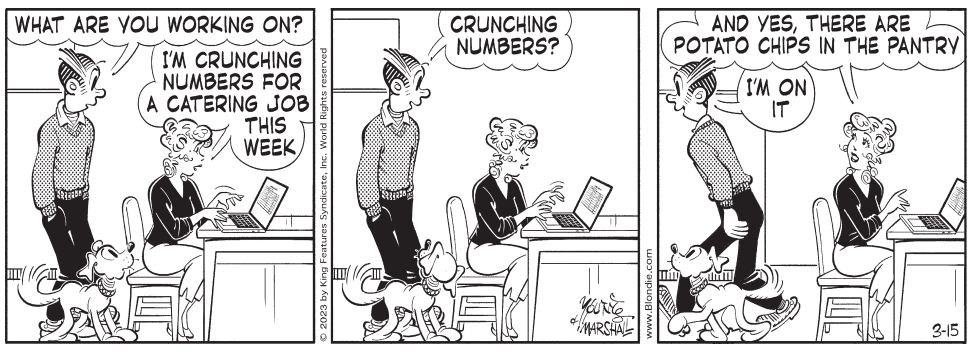
WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?
I'M CRUNCHING NUMBERS FOR A CATERING JOB THIS WEEK
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CRUNCHING NUMBERS?
YOUNG & MARSHALL
AND YES, THERE ARE POTATO CHIPS IN THE PANTRY
I'M ON IT
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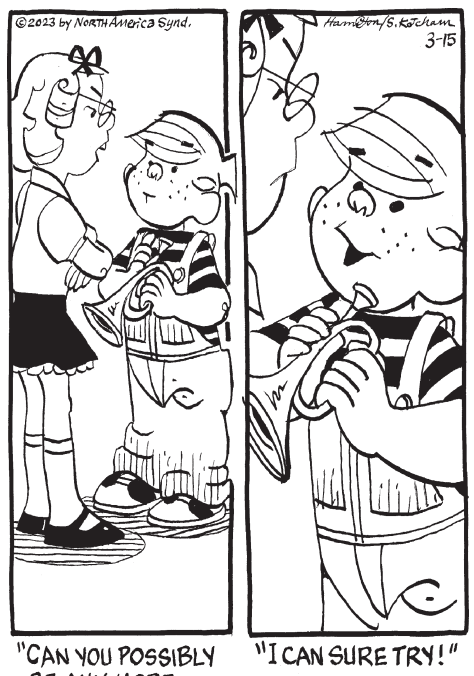
FAMILY CIRCUS

"I brought this home from the party for you, Mommy. It used to be a cookie."

DENNIS THE MENACE



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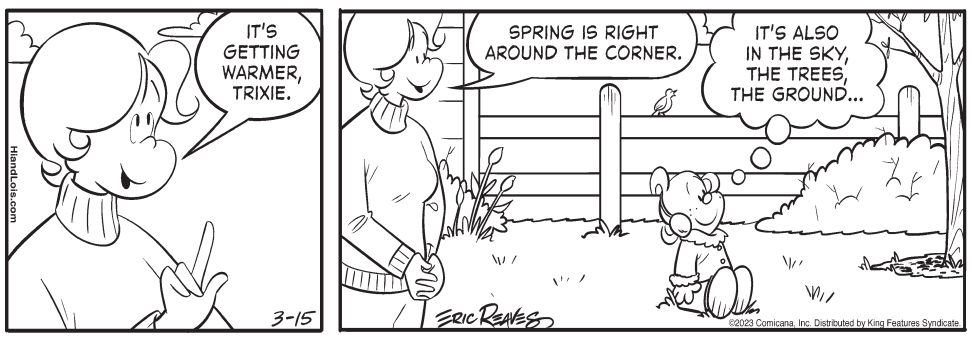
IT'S GETTING WARMER, TRIXIE.
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SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
IT'S ALSO IN THE SKY, THE TREES, THE GROUND...
ERIC REASES
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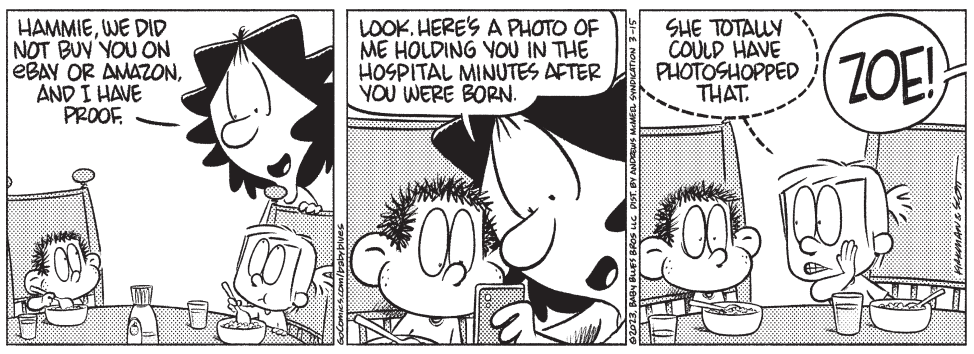
HAMMIE, WE DID NOT BUY YOU ON eBAY OR AMAZON, AND I HAVE PROOF.
LOOK. HERE'S A PHOTO OF ME HOLDING YOU IN THE HOSPITAL MINUTES AFTER YOU WERE BORN.
SHE TOTALLY COULD HAVE PHOTOSHOPPED THAT.
ZOE!
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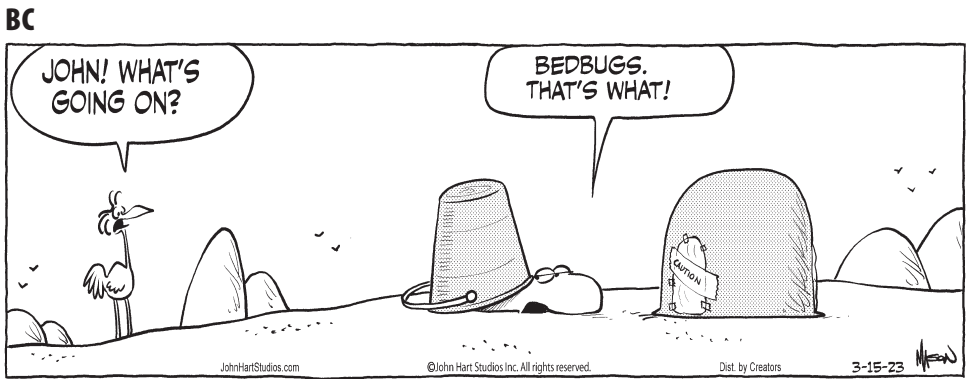

CURTIS

I'M SUCH AN OUTCAST IN SCHOOL, CURTIS. THE OTHER GIRLS CALL ME A WEIRDO
I DON'T SHOP AT THE SAME CLOTHING SITES, I STUDY MATH INSTEAD OF WEAVE, AND I DON'T TAKE ENDLESS SELFIES...
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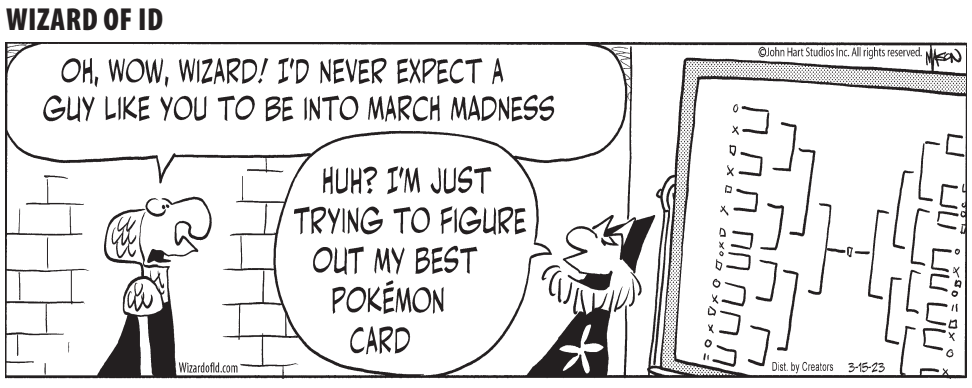
PEOPLE MAY HATE YOU FOR BEING, IN THEIR EYES, "DIFFERENT"
BUT DEEP INSIDE THEY WISH THEY HAD THE COURAGE TO BE INDIVIDUALS
TRUDY HUSLEY

WIZARD OF ID


OH, WOW, WIZARD! I'D NEVER EXPECT A GUY LIKE YOU TO BE INTO MARCH MADNESS
HUH? I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT MY BEST POKÉMON CARD
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JEREMY, HAVING A CREDIT CARD IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY.
I KNOW.
YOU CAN'T GO AROUND BUYING STUFF JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE ONE!
I GUARANTEE THAT WON'T HAPPEN.
3-15 SCOTT & JERRY BORGMAN
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AND WHY IS THAT?
I LOST IT TODAY.
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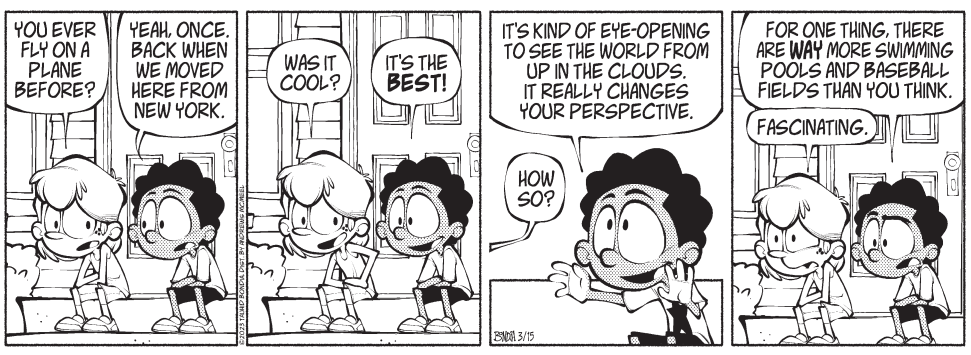
YOU EVER FLY ON A PLANE BEFORE?
YEAH, ONCE. BACK WHEN WE MOVED HERE FROM NEW YORK.
WAS IT COOL?
IT'S THE BEST!
IT'S KIND OF EYE-OPENING TO SEE THE WORLD FROM UP IN THE CLOUDS. IT REALLY CHANGES YOUR PERSPECTIVE.
HOW SO?
FOR ONE THING, THERE ARE WAY MORE SWIMMING POOLS AND BASEBALL FIELDS THAN YOU THINK.
FASCINATING.
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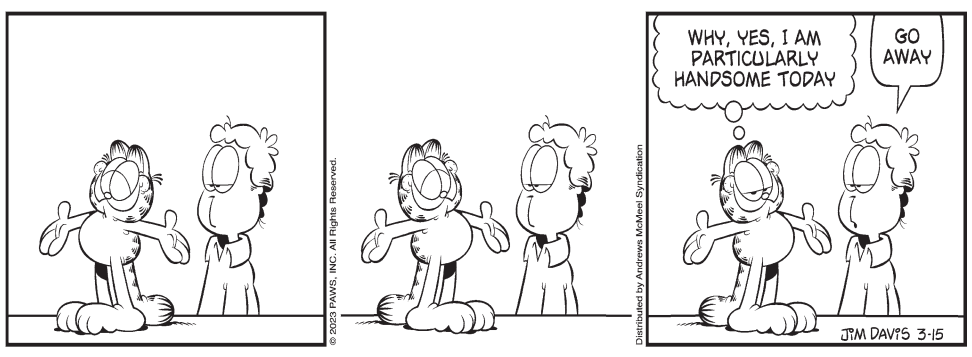
GARFIELD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WHY, YES, I AM PARTICULARLY HANDSOME TODAY
GO AWAY
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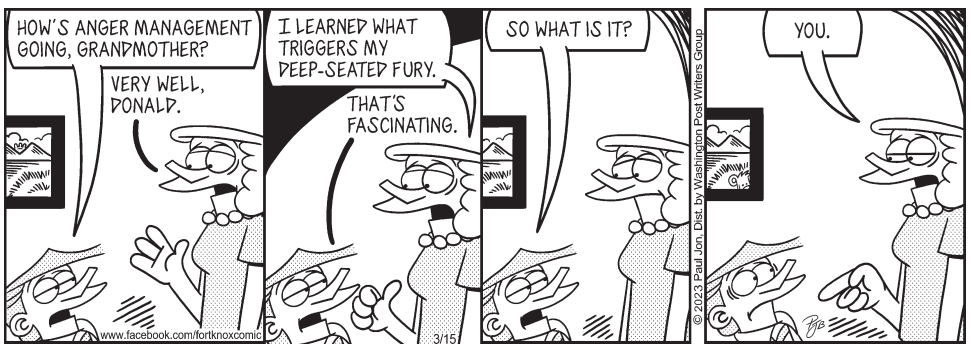

PICKLES

HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY, EARL?
EARL IS JUST FINE. IN FACT, EARL IS BETTER THAN FINE. EARL IS FINE AND DANDY.
YOU'RE REFERRING TO YOURSELF IN THE THIRD PERSON NOW?
YES, HE IS.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 15, the 74th day of 2023. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 15, 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

On this date:

In 1493, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus arrived back in the Spanish harbor of Palos de la Frontera, two months after concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1917, Czar Nicholas II abdicated in favor of his brother, Grand Duke Mikhail Alexandrovich, who declined the crown, marking the end of imperial rule in Russia.

In 1919, members of the American Expeditionary Force from World War I convened in Paris for a three-day meeting to found the American Legion.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson, addressing a joint session of Congress, called for new legislation to guarantee every American's right to vote; the result was passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In 1972, "The Godfather," Francis Ford Coppola's epic gangster movie based on the Mario Puzo novel and starring Marlon Brando and Al Pacino, premiered in New York.

In 1977, the situation comedy "Three's Company," starring John Ritter, Joyce DeWitt and Suzanne Somers, premiered on ABC-TV.

In 2005, former WorldCom chief Bernard Ebbers was convicted in New York of engineering the largest corporate fraud in U.S. history. (He was later sentenced to 25 years in prison.)

In 2011, the Syrian civil war had its beginnings with Arab Spring protests across the region that turned into an armed insurgency and eventually became a full-blown conflict.

In 2019, a gunman killed 51 people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, streaming the massacre live on Facebook. (Brenton Tarrant, an Australian white supremacist, was sentenced to life in prison without parole after pleading guilty to 51 counts of murder and other charges.)

In 2020, the Federal Reserve took massive emergency action to help the economy withstand the coronavirus by slashing its benchmark interest rate to near zero and saying it would buy $700 billion in treasury and mortgage bonds. After initially trying to keep schools open, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said the nation's largest public school system would close in hopes of curbing the spread of the coronavirus.

Ten years ago: The Pentagon announced it would spend $1 billion to add 14 interceptors to an Alaska-based missile defense system, responding to what it called faster-than-anticipated North Korean progress on nuclear weapons and missiles.

Five years ago: A pedestrian bridge that was under construction collapsed onto a busy Miami highway, crushing vehicles beneath massive slabs of concrete and steel; six people died and 10 were injured.

One year ago: Russia stepped up its bombardment of the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, while an estimated 20,000 civilians fled the desperately encircled port city of Mariupol by way of a humanitarian corridor. A man suspected of stalking and shooting homeless people asleep on the streets of New York City and Washington was arrested.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Judd Hirsch is 88. Jazz musician Charles Lloyd is 85. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 83. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 82. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone is 80. Rock singer-musician Howard Scott (War; Lowrider Band) is 77. Rock singer Ry Cooder is 76. Actor Frances Conroy is 70. Actor Craig Wasson is 69. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 68. Actor Joaquim de Almeida is 66. Actor Park Overall is 66. Movie director Renny Harlin is 64. Model Fabio is 62. Singer Terence Trent D'Arby (AKA Sananda Maitreya) is 61. Rock singer Bret Michaels (Poison) is 60. R&B singer Rockwell is 59. Actor Chris Bruno is 57. Actor Kim Raver is 56. Rock singer Mark McGrath (Sugar Ray) is 55. Rock musician Mark Hoppus is 51. Country singer-musician Matt Thomas (Parmalee) is 49. Actor Eva Longoria is 48. Rapper-musician will.i.am (Black Eyed Peas) is 48. Rock DJ Joseph Hahn (Linkin Park) is 46. Rapper Young Buck is 42. Actor Sean Biggerstaff is 40. Actor Kellan Lutz is 38. Actor Caitlin Wachs is 34.

OBITUARIES

Juanita McClellan

Juanita Jean Devore McClellan, 90, of Sulphur, Kentucky, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at her residence. She was born on Jan. 3, 1933, in Turners Station, Kentucky, to Matthew and Elizabeth Smith Devore. She was retired from the former Brunswick Corporation in Eminence, Kentucky, and a member of Sulphur Baptist Church. She enjoyed sewing, reading, jokes, laughing, traveling, vacations to Florida, going to flea markets and people.

She was known for her cooking and especially enjoyed cooking for a houseful of people.

Survivors include her husband, James McClelland; three daughters, Hallie Skaggs of Taylorsville, Kentucky, Lenagene Sandefer of Eminence and Rhonda Cannon of Hillsboro, Kentucky; a son, Bruce McClellan of Eminence; a sister, Theresa Devore of Louisville; and several grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death her parents; a son, Joe Powell; two brothers, Charles and David Devore; a sister, Ursel Renfro; and a daughter-in-law. Funeral services will be at noon on Wednesday, March 15, at the Ransdell Funeral Home in Campbellsburg, Kentucky, with interment to follow at New Castle Cemetery in New Castle, Kentucky. Visitation is 10 a.m. until the time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sulphur Baptist Church through the funeral home.

Online condolences, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Jonnie Whicker

Jonnie Mack Whicker, 71, of Lexington, Indiana, died Thursday, March 9, 2023, a Norton Hospital in Louisville.

He was born on March 26, 1951, in London, Kentucky, to Farris and Ethel York Whicker. He had resided in Jefferson County the past 69 years and was a 1969 graduate of Southwestern High School in Hanover, Indiana. He retired after 40 years of service with Reliance Electric Company in Madison, Indiana, as a machine operator. He married Donna Jean Smith Whicker on June 25, 1999, in Carrollton, Kentucky. He enjoyed playing cards, watching old westerns, watching IU basketball, fishing, mushroom hunting, gardening, reading and was an avid fan of the TV show Gunsmoke. He enjoyed watching his grandson play baseball and pursue his racing dreams.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years of Lexington; his daughters, Ginger Whicker of Madison and Delena Knoke of Columbus, Indiana; his brothers, Roger Whicker of Kingston, Georgia and Ronnie Whicker and Danny Whicker, both of Hanover; his sister, Sue Armand of Madison; his grandson, Elijah Knoke of Columbus; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Jewell Whicker Crook on Feb. 18, 2019; a brother, Charles Wayne Whicker on Aug. 22, 2017.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Entombment will be at the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington. Visitation is 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and 10 a.m. until the time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Jefferson, Carroll add to COVID death toll

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Two new local deaths have been reported due to COVID-19 in the last week — one in Jefferson County and the other in Carroll County.

The new death increases Jefferson County's death toll to 168 during the pandemic while Carroll County's overall total is 55.

The death totals remain the same in Trimble County with 48 and Switzerland County with 22.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Jefferson County during February was 72, down from 109 in January.

Overall, Jefferson County has had 11,231 total cases during the pandemic.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Switzerland County during February was 18, down from 33 in January.

Switzerland County's overall total cases during the pandemic now stands at 2,663.

Meanwhile, COVID-19 cases also remain low in Carroll and Trimble counties. In the last week, Carroll had just eight cases to bring its overall total to 4,334 while Trimble had four cases to bring its overall total to 2,761.

Community spread level by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is low in most of Indiana and Kentucky including Jefferson and Switzerland counties in Indiana and Carroll and Trimble counties in Kentucky.

Of Indiana's 92 counties, only 12 are at a medium level and none at high.

Of Kentucky's 120 counties, only 20 are at a medium level and none at high.

PET OF WEEK

Available for Adoption

Handout

Oreo is a 1-3-year-old male Jack Russell Terrier mix who is available for adoption at the Jefferson County Animal Shelter, 2727 Hannah Drive, Madison. He loves attention and cuddling and is very friendly with humans. However, he has a hard time getting along with other dogs. For more details, check out the animal shelter Facebook page, visit www.sisaveapet.com or call 812-273-1788.

PARK

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Schnebelt said there's another building that currently exists that might also be renovated if enough money remains from the grant after other proposed work is completed.

He expects the tennis court refurbishment to take place in the later part of the work schedule.

With summer programs coming up, Schnebelt noted that some of the work will take place at the same time as league play.

"We're going to have to work during the season. We're just going to have to do the very best we can to keep things safe, and rearrange things" to keep people away from construction areas.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

• Parks director Scott Davidson said work is moving forward on the new game room at the Hanover Community Building that will be developed in an area that has served as the back patio of the building.

Preparation has begun with the concrete being poured, and plans are being finalized before construction begins.

• Davidson said 76 youths have signed up so far for baseball and softball leagues.

There are 25 team sponsors with 10 being new sponsors and 17 banner sponsors with six that are new.

Davidson said last year 340 participated in the program and in 2021 there were 300 participants.

• The community Easter Egg hunt at Hanover Community Park will be at noon on Saturday, April 1.

The event is free.

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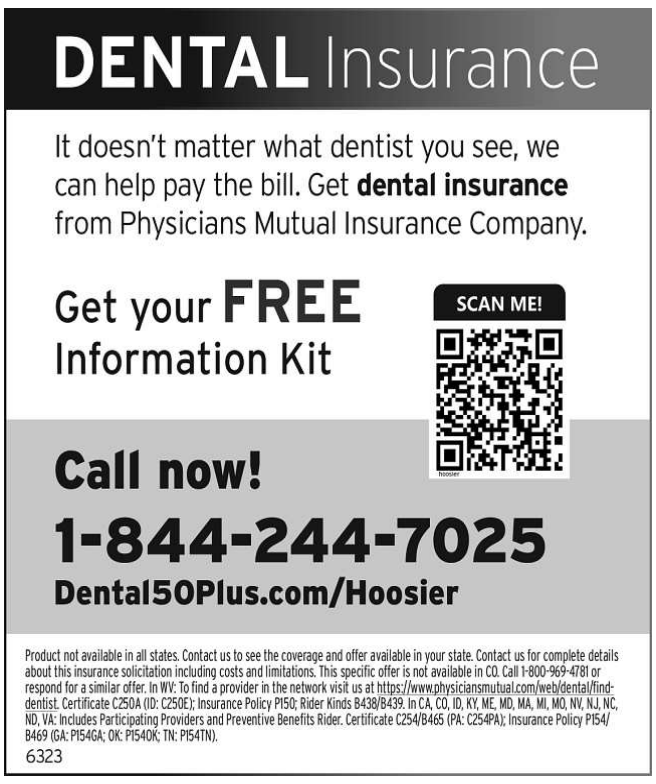
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Two-sport star Leatherman takes her talents to Trine

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Emmaline Leatherman had a hard time deciding which sport she would rather pursue in college. On one hand, she is a multi-time state qualifier in the high jump.

On the other hand, she loves volleyball and led Shawe to its first Ohio River Valley Conference championship.

Rather than deciding between the two, Leatherman opted to do the next best thing: play both.

Leatherman officially signed with Trine University on March 9 in both volleyball and track & field.

The Shawe High School senior has excelled in both sports at the high school level. Now, she hopes to do the same in college.

"I'm obviously really excited. I can't wait to see where my journey will go," Leatherman said. "And it's just an incredible moment to experience."

Leatherman has been the Madison Courier Player of the Year in both sports and throughout her high school career, she has prepared herself for whichever she wants to pursue in college.

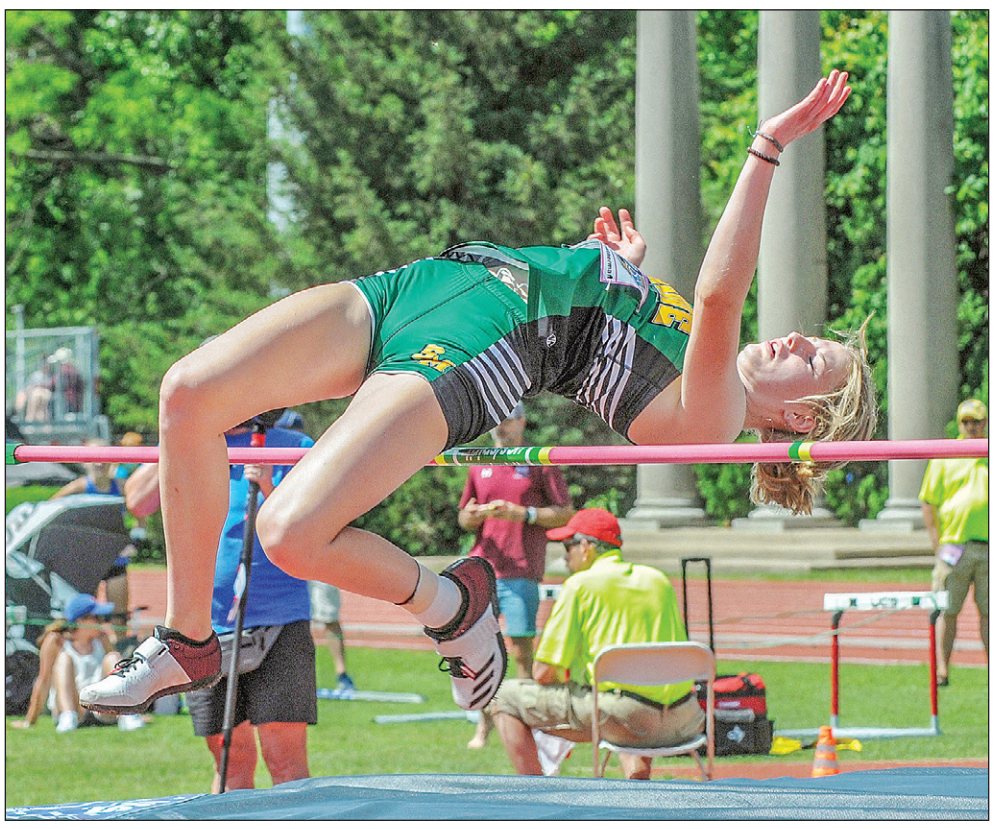
For much of her career, she was focused on volleyball, but her recent success in track & field, which has brought her close to a state championship twice, led her to consider both sports.

Shawe volleyball coach Jeff Lawson believes the future is bright for his star, who he said has only scratched the surface of her potential.

"When I first came and saw her play, she was just raw talent. A good athlete for sure, but raw," Lawson said.

"Through the years, it's been fun to watch her grow as a player and as a young lady. I'm just really excited more about her having an opportunity to be a dual-sport athlete and emphasize her natural ability.

"It's a good fit for her."



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Shawe senior Emmaline Leatherman, shown during the IHSAA state finals last year, has signed to play volleyball and compete in track & field at Trine University.

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Shawe senior Emmaline Leatherman (17) has signed to play volleyball and run track & field at Trine University in the fall.

For much of her high school career, the 5-foot-11 Leatherman used her athleticism and height to dominate at the net, racking up kills and blocks.

As a senior, she developed into a more well-rounded player, turning herself into the Hilltoppers' best passer and server.

That growth is attributed to her drive and intelligence, according to Lawson.

"She always has taken on challenges and accomplished those. I mean, the sky's the limit for her," Lawson said.

"I told all the coaches I spoke to that they're getting a diamond in the rough here and you're gonna get it pretty cheap because I think two years from now is when that kid's gonna peak and she's gonna be pretty special."

While she may have been a late bloomer in volleyball, her natural ability in track & field was on display right away. A gifted hurdler and long-jumper, she has really excelled in high jump, reaching the state finals as both a sophomore and a junior. Injuries cut short any hopes at a podium finish last season, but she did make the junior all-star team.

Arguably the most impressive part of Leatherman's high school high jump career has been that she has largely had to do it on her own. Shawe's small track & field program doesn't have high jump facilities or much room for specialized coaching so she has picked up tidbits here in there, from rival coaches like Southwestern's Stephanie Nussbaum and YouTube tutorials while also practicing at Southwestern.

Just getting a chance to work with a high jump coach has Leatherman excited about her upcoming college experience.

"I'm really excited to have a coach who can actually teach me the right way to do things," Leatherman said. "It's going to be exciting to have professional coaches instead of parents or watching videos off YouTube."

While she will be competing in two sports at Trine, one of the big reasons that she selected the Angola, Indiana, school was academics. She plans on majoring in physical therapy, and at Trine, she will be automatically accepted to the school's doctorate program.

"What's really nice is that I'll have five years of actual school and then clinicals. There's several different places that they have clinicals and you can pick and choose the one you want," Leatherman said. "I maybe want to specialize in sports because that's what I've been around my whole life and I really want to work with younger kids."

Leatherman's final high school track & field season is just around the corner and while she is still trying to get over her injured ankle, she can't wait to get started.

Lawson, for one, can't wait to see what she will accomplish in both sports.

"Hard work pays off and we see that with Emmaline," Lawson said.

"She's such a great kid and I couldn't be happier for her."

Submitted Photo

Christian Academy's Micah Jackinowski (30) drives to the basket during the Defenders' win in the national tournament on March 5.

Defenders close out season with national championship

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Christian Academy of Madison has had a rough season on several levels but the Defenders closed it out in style, winning the National Association of Christian Athletes championship in Dayton, Tennessee, on March 5.

The Defenders knocked off IAM of Elizabethtown, Tennessee 57-36 in the first game then beat Real Life Christian (Florida) 62-49 in the semi-finals.

In the championship game, CAM found itself trailing Life Christian (Alabama) by 10 points with three minutes to go before mounting a furious rally to win 50-43 in overtime.

Micah Jackinowski began the comeback by hitting a free throw and then added a basket in the lane moments later.

A steal then led to a three-point play by Jackinowski to cut the lead to four.

A missed shot by Life led to a Elijah Kummer basket on the other end for the Defenders. Dean Coulter then stole the inbounds pass and Kummer sank a shot from the free-throw line to tie the game with 37 seconds left.

A pair of fouls led to two free throws for Life, which went up two with 15 seconds left.

Jackinowski then scored off an offensive rebound to tie the game and force overtime.

The extra session belonged to CAM, which dominated the action to roll to the win.

Kummer scored 23 points and Jackinowski had 21 to lead the Defenders and be named to the all-tournament team.

The national championship was the first for Christian Academy, which ends the season with a 7-15 record. It is the second title for Defenders' coach Adrian Carter, who previously won the crown as a player in 1988.

In addition, Christian Academy's girls team traveled to the Tennessee Tournament for the first time and won two of the three games it played in its division.

The Defenders also won the Sportsmanship Trophy.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

TENNIS

Hanover men & women host Hastings, 3:30 p.m.

Carroll Co. boys & girls host Trimble Co., 5 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

LACROSSE

Hanover men host Carroll, noon

SOFTBALL

Trimble Co. hosts Pleasure Ridge Park, 5:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16

BASEBALL

Carroll Co. at Grant Co., 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Madison at Jennings Co. (scrimmage), 5 p.m.

Carroll Co. hosts Lloyd, 6 p.m.

Trimble Co. at South Oldham, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Carroll Co. boys & girls host Henry Co., 5 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys & girls host Gallatin Co., 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison boys at Scottsburg, 6:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17

BASEBALL

Carroll Co. at Williamstown, 6 p.m.

Trimble Co. hosts Highlands Latin, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Trimble Co. at St. Henry, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Hanover men & women at Midway, 3 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Carroll Co., Trimble Co., Rivertown Season Kickoff at Carroll Co., 5 p.m.

Trimble's Kunkel claims state indoor title in 3000 run

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County senior Kinley Kunkel kicked off her final high school season with a championship in the 3000-meter run at the KHSAA Class A Indoor Track & Field Championships on March 5 in Louisville.

Kunkel won the race in a time of 10:53.97, besting Annalise Randles of Lexington Christian by half a second.

She was also fourth in the 1500 run in 5:10.67.

Several other Trimble athletes scored podium finishes at the meet.

Hunter Bachmann placed third in the boys pole vault at 10-feet even, and Rebecca Kainer was sixth in the girls 400 dash in 1:05.63 and seventh in the girls 60 dash in 8.64.

As a team, the Trimble girls placed ninth with 20 points and the boys were 19th with six points. Lexington Christian won the girls state title with 90 points and Louisville Collegiate won the boys crown with 77 points.

Trimble County kicks off its outdoor season on Friday when it competes at Carroll County in an all-comers meet.

The Raiders then compete at Oldham County on Saturday, March 25.

Courier file David Campbell

Trimble County's Kinley Kunkel (675) won the girls 3,000-meter run at the KHSAA Indoor Track & Field State Championships on March 5.

NO TV GRIDS

TV grids were unavailable for today's edition because of a provider technical issue. We expect TV grids to resume in Friday's edition. We apologize for the inconvenience.

LOCAL LEAGUES

HANOVER MEN'S SPRING BASKETBALL

Sunday, March 12

Too Cold 84, The Madison Basketball Team 64 — Trent Potter had 20 points for Too Cold (2-0) while Austin Spray and Caleb Bentley scored 18 each for the Madison Basketball Team (0-2).

Patton's Pistols 64, Showtime 62, 2OT — Mitchell Prince had 19 points for Patton's Pistols (2-0) and Chancey May had 17 for Showtime (1-1).

Mean Green Machine 59, Pistol City Shooters 58 — Nick Macon scored 33 points for Mean Green Machine (1-1) and Peyton Gwin had 22 for the Pistol City Shooters (1-1).

No Names 72, Layman Insurance 54 — Quenton White had 16 points for the No Names (2-0) and Allen Sharp scored 15 for Layman Insurance (1-1).

Shipley's Bomholt Boys 102, The Nobodys 64 — Foster Mefford had 35 points and Matthew Williams 29 for Shipley's Bomholt Boys (1-1). Zack Scrogham had 18 for The Nobodys (0-2).

Purdue, Marquette top 2 seeds in NCAA East with bluebloods

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Purdue and Marquette were far from the favorites in their own conferences going into the season. They are now the top two seeds in the East Region of the NCAA Tournament.

Big Ten regular-season and tournament champion Purdue (29-5) is a No. 1 seed for the first time since 1996, and fourth time overall.

Led by big man Zach Edey, the Boilermakers are going to the NCAA Tournament for the eighth time in a row, and 34th overall. They play Friday in Columbus, Ohio, against the winner of First Four matchup between Texas Southern and Fairleigh Dickinson.

Marquette (28-6) is in the tournament for the second year in a row for Shaka Smart, the coach who took VCU to the Final Four in 2011. The Golden Eagles, in consecutive tourneys for the first time since eight in a row from 2006-13, will play 15th-seeded Vermont (23-10).

If the Big East champion Golden Eagles win their opener, they would then play either No. 7 seed Michigan State (19-12) or No. 10 seed Southern California (22-10). Coach Tom Izzo and the Spartans are in their record 25th consecutive tournament.

DUKE ROOKIES

Duke, with some standout freshmen and 35-year-old rookie head coach Jon Scheyer, takes a nine-game winning streak into the tourney after beating Virginia in the ACC Tournament title game.

The fifth-seeded Blue Devils (26-8) haven't lost since falling in overtime on the road against Virginia on Feb. 11. They play scoring ace Max Abmas and 12th-seeded Oral Roberts (30-4).

After spending last year as the coach-in-waiting for Mike Krzyzewski's last Final Four run, Scheyer assembled the nation's top-ranked recruiting class that's already got its first tournament trophy.

That first-round game Thursday in Orlando, Florida, is on the same side of the bracket as fourth-seeded Tennessee (23-10) and Louisiana-Lafayette (26-7) in its first NCAA tourney since 2014.

WILDCATS RECOVERY

Considering Kentucky (21-11) was teetering on the tournament bubble in January amid speculation of Hall of Fame coach John Calipari leaving for Texas, the Wildcats weren't going to complain about its No. 6 seeding in the East.

The task now for big man Oscar Tshiebwe and the Wildcats is winning Kentucky's first NCAA Tournament game since 2019, a drought highlighted by last year's epic first-round upset loss to No. 15 seed Saint Peter's. They play No. 11 Providence (21-11) on Friday in Greensboro, North Carolina.

"What happened last year, the first time in my career. And you know what, hurt like hell," Calipari said. "But, you move on and you move to the next. For me, this has got to be a ball because they're going to feed off of me. They've got to see me (and) saying, 'he is loose and ready to go" because they're going to feed off of me. And I'm excited about it."

WILDCATS FROM KANSAS

First-year coach Jerome Tang has Kansas State as the No. 3 seed in its first NCAA Tournament since 2019.

After leaving Scott Drew's side at Baylor, where he had been an assistant coach for 19 years and part of the Bears' only national championship two years ago, Tang won 15 of his first 16 games and led the Wildcats to a 23-9 overall record while playing in the brutal Big 12.

Their first-round game Friday in Columbus is against Montana State (25-9), the Big Sky champion in consecutive NCAA tourneys for the first time.

PENNY AND THE TIGERS

Penny Hardaway played in the 1992 and 1993 NCAA tournaments in his only two seasons as a player for the school then known as Memphis State. He now has the Tigers in their second consecutive tourney as a coach.

The Tigers (26-8) won the American Athletic Conference Tournament with a 75-65 over No. 1 Houston on Sunday, and didn't even cut down the nets in Fort Worth until after watching the selection show. The Cougars are still a No. 1 seed, in the Midwest Region.

Memphis is the eighth seed, with a difficult matchup against Conference USA champion Florida Atlantic (31-3) on Friday.

ROAD TO HOUSTON

It will be a lot harder to overlook Purdue and Marquette in March, than it was before the season began. The Boilermakers have steadied things since losing four of six games in February, and take a five-game winning streak into the NCAA Tournament.

"I think people just kind of freaked out. We were having a great season. We had the same guys the entire year," Edey said.

Houston gets No. 1 seed in Midwest at expense of Kansas

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Houston received the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Region for the NCAA Tournament on Sunday night, the selection committee rewarding the Cougars at the expense of Kansas, which had been hoping its national title defense would include a stop just down the road from its campus in Lawrence.

Instead, the top-ranked Cougars will try to reach their hometown Final Four starting off in Birmingham, Alabama, with the potential of playing a Sweet 16 game and a regional final in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Cougars (31-3) lost to Memphis in the American Athletic Conference title game Sunday. They were playing without Marcus Sasser, the league player of the year and likely All-American, who had strained his groin in the first half of their semifinals and will be a question mark leading up to Thursday's opener against Northern Kentucky.

"The most important thing is Marcus, not winning," Cougars coach Kelvin Sampson said about his decision to hold Sasser out Sunday. "His health going forward is the most important thing here."

The selection committee usually takes into consideration injuries — and the possibility a team will be without a star — when it seeds the field. But chairman Chris Reynolds said Houston still earned the second overall seed over Kansas, which expects to have recovering coach Bill Self back after he missed the Big 12 Tournament, thanks to its body of work this season.

"They were competitive in all their games they lost except today," Reynolds said, "and we understand today they weren't with their best player. For that reason, we put Houston at No. 2 (overall)."

The No. 1 seed is the first for the Cougars since 1983, the height of their Phi Slama Jama era, when Hall of Fame coach Guy Lewis led Clyde Drexel and Co. to the first of their back-to-back national championship games.

Texas (26-8) earned the No. 2 seed in the Midwest after finishing second in the Big 12 in the regular season and romping past the Jayhawks in Saturday night's conference title game despite missing injured forward Timmy Allen.

It was quite a reward for the Longhorns, who endured the firing of Chris Beard early in the season amid allegations of domestic violence and rallied around interim coach Rodney Terry, who led them to their most wins since 2010-11.

"We have tried to respect every opponent that we played this season with the thought in mind that every game is an NCAA Tournament game," said Terry, whose team will play No. 15 seed Colgate on Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa.

"I thought our guys have had an incredible run this entire season," Terry added. "Our body of work, our strength of schedule, playing in the best league in the country — you know, I think we made a good case for what came our way."

THE REST OF THE REGION

Xavier earned the No. 3 seed and will play No. 14 seed Kennesaw State, making its first NCAA trip, on Friday in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Musketeers are in the field for the first time since 2008 in the first year of Sean Miller's second term.

Indiana and All-America candidate Trayce Jackson Davis are the fourth seed and will play No. 13 seed Kent State in Albany, New York. Flashes coach Rob Senderoff was on then-coach Sampson's staff at Indiana from 2006-08.

Miami earned the No. 5 seed and will play Missouri Valley champ Drake on Friday in Albany. Iowa State is seeded sixth and will play the winner of a First Four game between Mississippi State and Pittsburgh. Seventh-seeded Texas A&M will play Penn State on Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa, while eighth-seeded Iowa faces Auburn on Thursday in Birmingham.

ROAD TO HOUSTON

The Cougars have one of the nation's best backcourts in Sasser — assuming he's healthy — and Jamal Shead, and they have plenty of experience on the big stage, going to the Final Four two years ago and the Elite Eight last season. That makes them the heavy favorite to escape the Midwest Region and play in another Final Four at NRG Stadium.

There is plenty of star power in the Midwest, though, and that means plenty of teams that can make a run.

The Musketeers are led by star guard Souley Boom, Indiana twice beat Purdue this season, Miami has high-scoring Isaiah Wong and Iowa State and Texas A&M played in two of the nation's toughest leagues in the Big 12 and SEC.

"We do not have the best players; we have never had the best players," Aggies coach Buzz Williams said. "We do not have the best coaches, I'm for sure not the best coach. But I don't think our program is built on I'm trying to be the best coach or this player is trying to be the best player. We're trying to be the best team that we can be."

NCAA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FIRST FOUR

Wednesday, March 15

At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio

Texas Southern (14-20) vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (19-15), 6:40 p.m.

Arizona St. (22-12) vs. Nevada (22-10), 9:10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio

Texas A&M-CC (23-10) vs. SE Missouri (19-16), 6:40 p.m.

Mississippi St. (21-12) vs. Pittsburgh (22-11), 9:10 p.m.

EAST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 17

At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio

Purdue (29-5) vs. Texas Southern-Fairleigh Dickinson winner, 6:50 p.m.

Memphis (26-8) vs. FAU (31-3), 9:20 p.m.

At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.

Kentucky (21-11) vs. Providence (21-11), 7:10 p.m.

Kansas St. (23-9) vs. Montana St. (25-9), 9:40 p.m.

At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio

Michigan St. (19-12) vs. Southern Cal (22-10), 12:15 p.m.

Marquette (28-6) vs. Vermont (23-10), 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 16

At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.

Duke (26-8) vs. Oral Roberts (30-4), 7:10 p.m.

Tennessee (23-10) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (26-7), 9:40 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 16

At Legacy Arena at BJCC
Birmingham, Ala.

Alabama (29-5) vs. Texas A&M-CC-SE Missouri winner, 2:45 p.m.

Maryland (21-12) vs. West Virginia (19-14), 12:15 p.m.

At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.

San Diego St. (27-6) vs. Coll. of Charleston (31-3), 3:10 p.m.

Virginia (25-7) vs. Furman (27-7), 12:40 p.m.

At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.

Missouri (24-9) vs. Utah St. (26-8), 1:40 p.m.

Arizona (28-6) vs. Princeton (21-8), 4:10 p.m.

Friday, March 17

At Ball Arena
Denver

Creighton (21-12) vs. NC State (23-10), 4 p.m.

Baylor (22-10) vs. UC Santa Barbara (27-7), 1:30 p.m.

Second Round

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 16

At Legacy Arena at BJCC
Birmingham, Ala.

Houston (31-3) vs. N. Kentucky (22-12), 9:20 p.m.

Iowa (19-13) vs. Auburn (20-12), 6:50 p.m.

At Wells Fargo Arena
Des Moines, Iowa

Texas A&M (25-9) vs. Penn St. (22-13), 9:55 p.m.

Texas (26-8) vs. Colgate (26-8), 7:25 p.m.

Friday, March 17

At MVP Arena
Albany, N.Y.

Miami (25-7) vs. Drake (27-7), 7:25 p.m.

Indiana (22-11) vs. Kent St. (28-6), 9:55 p.m.

At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.

Iowa St. (19-13) vs. Mississippi St.-Pittsburgh winner, 3:10 p.m.

Xavier (25-9) vs. Kennesaw St. (26-8), 12:40 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 16

At Wells Fargo Arena
Des Moines, Iowa

Kansas (27-7) vs. Howard (22-12), 2 p.m.

Arkansas (20-13) vs. Illinois (20-12), 4:30 p.m.

At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.

Northwestern (21-11) vs. Boise St. (24-9), 7:35 p.m.

UCLA (29-5) vs. UNC-Asheville (27-7), 10:05 p.m.

Friday, March 17

At MVP Arena
Albany, N.Y.

Saint Mary's (Cal.) (26-7) vs. VCU (27-7), 2 p.m.

UConn (25-8) vs. Iona (27-7), 4:30 p.m.

At Ball Arena
Denver

TCU (21-12) vs. Arizona St.-Nevada winner, 10:05 p.m.

Gonzaga (28-5) vs. Grand Canyon (24-11), 7:35 p.m.

March Madness 2023: South Carolina women chasing 3rd title

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

March Madness is here! Here is what to know about the women's NCAA Tournament, including the favorites and underdogs as well as key games and how to watch: TOP SEEDS

The top four seeds in the tournament are South Carolina, Indiana, Virginia Tech and Stanford. Each is in a region, some tougher than others (on paper). We break them down for you: SOUTH CAROLINA (32-0): The defending national champions are the No. 1 overall seed and the Greenville I Region breaks down favorably. It includes two teams in No. 2 seed Maryland (25-6) and No. 4 seed UCLA (23-9) who the Gamecocks beat earlier this season. South Carolina is loaded, with two-time Southeastern Conference player of the year Aliyah Boston and leading scorer Zia Cooke.

INDIANA (27-3): After a loss to Ohio State in the Big Ten Tournament semis, some wondered if the Hoosiers might miss out on a top seed. They landed it in the Greenville II Region and start against either Tennessee Tech or Monmouth. Mackenzie Holmes leads Indiana with 22.3 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. Top challengers include No. 2 seed Utah, No. 3 seed LSU and No. 4 seed Villanova, which is led by scoring sensation Maddy Siegrist.

VIRGINIA TECH (27-5): The Hokies won their first ACC Tournament championship and will lead the Seattle 3 Region. Elizabeth Kitley has stepped things up down the stretch as Virginia Tech won its final eight games. Virginia Tech could have to navigate No. 4 seed Tennessee in the Sweet 16 and No. 2 seed UConn or No. 3 seed Ohio State after that.

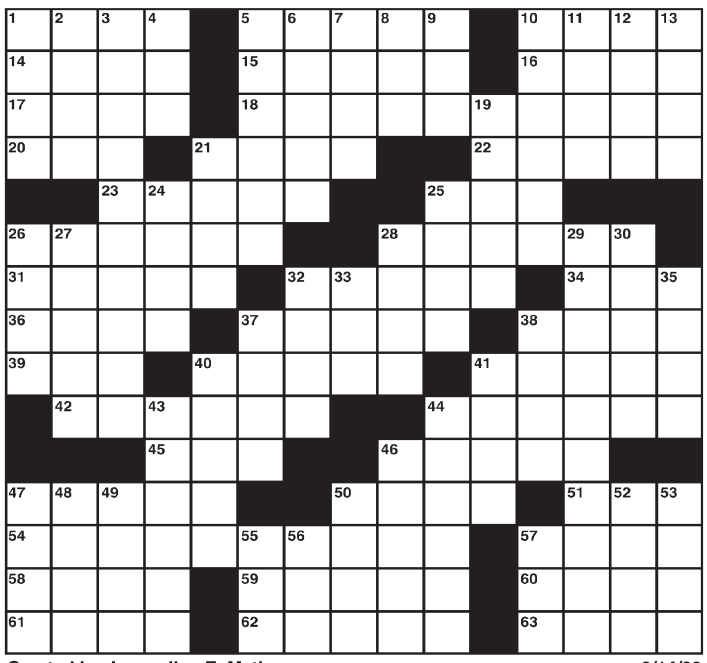
STANFORD (28-5): The committee looked to Stanford's steadiness for much of the season in giving it the top seed in the Seattle 4 Region. The Cardinal are led by Cameron Brink and Haley Jones, who have combined to score more than 28 points per game this season. Look for a potential high-wattage battle for the Final Four against No. 2 seed Iowa, led by national player of the year candidate Caitlin Clark.

GAMES TO WATCH

No. 3 seed Notre Dame (25-5) vs. No. 14 seed Southern Utah (23-6), Friday. The Fighting Irish's chances for a deep run will certainly be affected by how seriously do-everything leader Olivia Miles is hurt. She left the ACC Tournament quarterfinals two weeks ago with a knee injury.

Monmouth (18-13) vs. Tennessee Tech (22-9), Thursday, ESPNU. Monmouth, surprise winners of the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament, have not played in the NCAA tourney since 1983 and get the chance to extend its stay in a First Four contest Wednesday. Either the Hawks or the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament champions in Tennessee Tech, both 16 seeds, will have to take on top-seed Indiana on Friday.

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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17 Monthly expense
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20 Prepare Easter eggs
21 Miseries
22 Valletta's nation
23 Quaid or Jackson
25 Home video game console
26 Unhappy looks
28 Brandy
31 Hemingway's "The Sun Also __"
32 Traditional Inuit home
34 Eggy drink
36 Rara __; unusual person
37 Expansive
38 Small night light
39 Still
40 Worry persistently
41 Once and again
42 Business bigwig
44 Cheap and tawdry
45 Uncooked
46 Snapshot
47 Church table
50 Garden intruder
51 ABC rival
54 Borders
57 Place for stored fodder
58 Hit on the head
59 Burn soother
60 Appendicitis symptom
61 Remain
62 Alpaca's habitat
63 Matterhorn's range

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6 "Deck the halls with boughs of __…"
7 Plays a role
8 Female animal
9 Word attached to drops or wig
10 Acquire
11 Saran alternative
12 Place for an arch
13 Tolstoy's "__ Karenina"
19 Pamplona pal
21 Lodges
24 Astonishes
25 Late actress Natalie
26 Become unraveled
27 Heavy metal bolt
28 Clothed
29 Standoffish
30 Team leader
32 Make smooth
33 Moo __ gai pan; stir-fry dish
35 Zane or Lady Jane
37 Forehead
38 Shemar Moore TV series
40 Two-by-four
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44 Grad papers
46 Irritate
47 Letters
48 Pillage
49 Albacore
50 Out of control
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Today's Puzzle Solved

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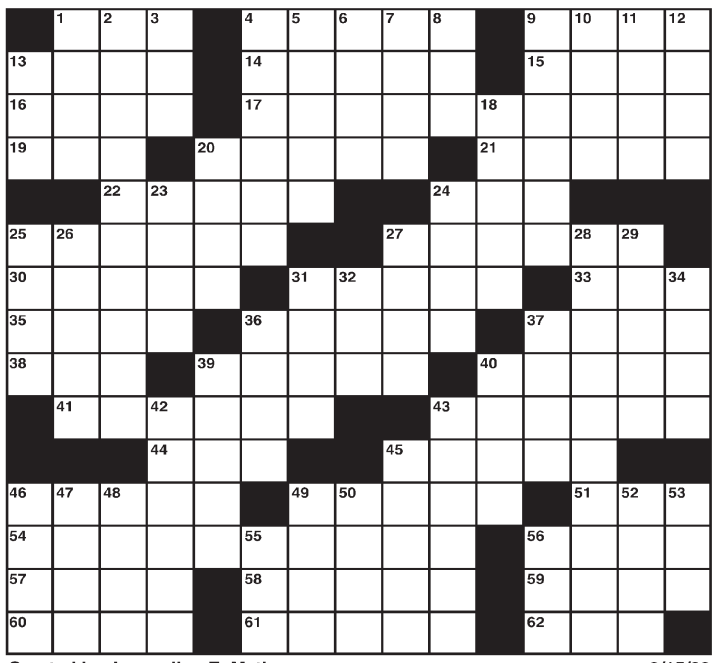

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40 Chutzpah
41 In a cautious way
43 Magazine title
44 Got full
45 Swap
46 Public square
49 Boating obstacle
51 Little bear
54 Scientist's room
56 "__ jungle out there!"
57 Take __; assume control
58 TV remote button
59 In __; poor
60 Papas
61 Mistake
62 Tally up

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8 Pronoun
9 Comes in second
10 Mom's sister
11 Cooking herb
12 Hauled into court
13 Email provider
18 Angry speeches
20 Uses a Singer
23 Queens, drones & workers
24 Time-__; game breaks
25 Bypass
26 Acquired relative
27 Lap dog
28 Surprising
29 Hazard
31 Most common girl's name in the 1950s
32 Nigeria's official lang.
34 Pine or palm
36 Christmas
37 Parka feature
39 Stringed instrument
40 Repast
42 Gillette products
43 Hail Mary, for one
45 Upper body
46 Trudge
47 Mount St. Helens' output
48 All tucked in
49 Tiny night light
50 Period of time
52 Secondhand
53 Awful
55 Imitate
56 "Time __ Bottle"; Jim Croce song

Today's Puzzle Solved

In-home caregiver may care too much

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My husband and I have a special-needs teenage son. After more than a year on a wait list, we finally have an in-home therapist.

"Darla" comes three mornings a week to wake him up and help him to get dressed and ready for school.

This gives me rare and much-needed breaks.

My husband, who works from home, lets Darla into our home. I usually stay in my room and either sleep in or just enjoy the quiet until it is time for me to take my son to school.

Darla doesn't see all that I do when she isn't there.

I've picked up hints that she thinks I'm lazy and that my poor husband is put upon. (He doesn't feel that way).

She also seems to have a crush on my husband and finds excuses to chat with him. It drives him crazy, because he's trying to work.

I sent Darla a text asking her not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary.

She didn't respond to the text, but she did stop interrupting him as much.

Recently, after I let her in one morning, she told my son that he was slacking because his mother got up before he did.

I didn't say anything to this back-handed comment, but I'm fuming!

Darla is good with my son, and if I fired her it would take months to find a replacement.

How can I keep her on, but put her attitude in check? — Curious Mom

Dear Mom: Your concerns are related to boundaries and communication. "Darla" might have come to your home from working with other clients who have a different living and communication style.

If she is good with your son, then that positive dynamic should be your primary concern. It is important that you keep this in mind as you course correct and adjust to one another.

Needy teacher must learn how to read people

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: Several years ago, my daughter had a preschool teacher she loved who was fired for, what seemed at the time, a dubious reason.

I related to her predicament, and I met up with her a couple of times in the immediate aftermath so that my daughter could see her and to talk about the situation.

I did not expect to develop a long-term friendship with her.

Since that time, she has contacted me sporadically, whenever she finds herself in a difficult emotional situation.

We are not friends, and she only contacts me when she's having an emergency. Then it's urgent, at weird times, and time-consuming. It's bizarre behavior.

She is married and has family and friends. I'm not even close enough with her to recommend that she see a therapist.

The most recent time this occurred, I hadn't heard from her in about a year.

She asked if we could meet up and I told her that I was really busy preparing for some travel, and that it would have to be scheduled for another time.

She ignored this and tried repeatedly to contact me while I was out of town. Amy, I'm a busy professional with a family to care for and my own relationships to manage.

I am not the type of person who would ever "ghost" someone, but I was never friends with this person in the first place, and she's ignoring my boundaries. Is it OK if I just ignore her? — Not a Therapist

Dear Not: You don't mention the content of the contact this person is pestering you with. If she is emailing or texting asking for advice and you don't want to engage, you can respond, politely — "I'm sorry I can't help you with this. I hope you find some resolution!"

If she contacts you wanting to get together, and you've already told her that you aren't available, then she needs to reread through her previous messages and get a clue.

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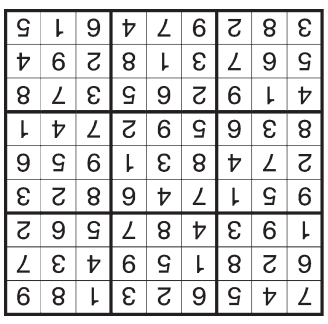

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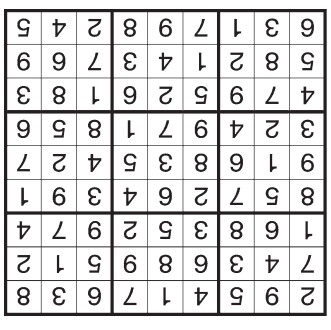

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Remember to say the right thing at the right time. Being polite and thoughtful can stave off potential misunderstandings. You may need to pay the piper if you give in to temporary pleasures, so remain friendly but try not to lose yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Remain anchored but flexible enough to change when needed. You might realize that what you consider to be a weakness could be a strength. It is not enough to be proficient; you must prove it by sharing your skills with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may pedal as fast as you can but could end up getting nowhere. Consider coasting along for a while. Look inward and reflect on your goals. If you sprint ahead of a coworker or loved one, be diplomatic about your success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could discover and develop useful insights if you observe a loved one putting together a successful financial plan. Try to become more organized and detail-oriented about handling joint assets and finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your day can run more smoothly if your good manners are kept in good shape. There may be a tendency for some people to be brash or argumentative. Focus on displaying idealism and putting your best foot forward in group settings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — They say that it always looks darkest before the dawn. Circumstances over which you have no control may be turned to your advantage when the dust settles. Have faith that a loved one or partner will do the right thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Some issues may not appear black and white. When dealing with work or questions that straddle the gray areas, you may not be sure what the right choice might be. Today is not the best day to make irrevocable decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — It is fine to visualize something better than what you have but it's best to remain realistic. Dreams should be looked at with the proper perspective. Keep in touch with old friends and new acquaintances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A contest should not be taken personally when it is only business. However, some people might take competition to heart. Social interactions may distract you from your original intentions so be sure to focus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your romantic daydreams can prove costly. Try to avoid becoming obsessed with having something or meeting someone based on a causal glance. A discount is not worth having if you buy something you do not really need or want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You might be tempted to go overboard with spending just to prove a point. You may have some great moneymaking ideas, but a sideline or hobby is not ready for prime time. Try not to waste your time and money for effect.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pushing the wrong buttons could create an undesirable result. You may feel compelled to champion an underdog but could offend someone who sees things differently. It may be better to steer clear of disputes and avoid being evasive.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Relationship or friendship issues could become an obstacle in your path and block your progress. You may be charming but attract unwanted attention. Hold off on starting a new project, sign an agreement or load up your credit card for now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Tackle every task according to the highest standards and your work ethic can pay off. Try not to get carried away and spend money you may not have yet earned or received. Make decisions based on facts rather than wishful thinking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may be feeling reckless but could find it brings you too much attention. Apply your energies in an appropriate manner by engaging in constructive activities. Avoiding key changes at this time can help prevent an impulsive decision from backfiring.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You might be at your best acting as the assistant on important business projects. A romantic partner might be uncomfortable if you are too friendly with someone else, and you may find a friend or associate becomes jealous if you give someone else your attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be the kind of friend you wish you had. Although other people might be at odds, your friendliness and congeniality can protect you from possible conflicts. Be enthusiastic about your goals but avoid becoming reckless.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Read between the lines if a loved one or partner is evasive or pretends to play hard to get. Give someone a pat on the back rather than knocking the chip off their shoulder. Remain calm during a brief period of confusion and mix-ups.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Be realistic. Someone can help you achieve your objectives if you focus on the practical side and avoid being too naive. You may be easily misled by people or things that may look better than they really are. Getting a second opinion can bring clarity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Be happy for a partner or loved one who may be excited about a new idea or social outing. You can share in someone's joy and benefit from the sharing of ideas. Things might not go your way if you let your possessiveness or envy get the best of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Someone may drop a valuable idea in your lap if you appear friendly and outgoing. This might not be a good time to make major purchases or invest, so keep new ideas on ice for a few days until conditions improve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Find ways to be part of the action without triggering someone's jealousy. Your home could be a hub of activity so organize events and lend a helping hand where needed. A temporary impasse could be resolved soon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — If it's raining dollars, grab a bucket. Rather than watch the money go down the drain, take advantage of the situation. You can profit from complicated mix-ups by keeping your eyes open and being sensible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pretense can be an unhappy prologue. You could feel it could be necessary to camouflage your true feelings and it may give someone the wrong impression. Once someone makes the first move, you should have no reason to hide or retreat.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Switzerland County eighth grade girls basketball wrapped up its season by winning the Tri-County Tournament at Rising Sun on March 9.

The Pacers defeated Rising Sun 34-18 in the championship game. Lyndsey Snider had 15 points to lead the way while Kaylynn Schaefer scored 10.

Switzerland County defeated St. Nicholas 29-27 on March 7 in the opening round of the Tri-County Tournament.

With the game tied at 27-27 with 23 seconds to go, Kayley Johnson grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back in the basket for the winning points.

Snider scored eight points to lead the way while Schaefer scored six.

• Madison Junior High's swim teams concluded the 2023 season with a sweep of Milan and Rising Sun at home on March 9.

The girls picked up an 82-48 win over Milan and a 105-23win over Rising Sun, while the boys beat Milan 67-55 and Rising Sun 75-43.

Submitted

Switzerland County's eighth grade girls basketball team won the Tri-County Tournament on March 9.

Winners for the girls were: Tayleigh Johnson, 100 IM, 1:13.13 and 50 breast, 35.81; Reagan Wynn, 100 free, 1:10.82; Sarah Ricketts, Johnson, Natalie Martin and Wynn, 200 medley relay, 2:17.84; and Martin, Poppie Kelsey, Ricketts and Johnson, 200 free relay, 2:03.86.

Winners for the boys were: William Overpeck, 50 free, 29.61; Garrett Klein, 50 fly, 29.17; Owain Kelsey, 100 free, 1:06.68; Cole Goodknight, 50 back, 30.43; and Goodknight, Overpeck, Garrett Klein and Kelsey, 200 medley relay, 2:10.06 and 200 free relay, 1:55.75.

• Hanover Parks Department is accepting applications for its 2023 baseball and softball leagues.

The leagues are open to boys and girls ages four through 12 with age determined by Jan. 1, 2023 for softball and Aug. 31, 2023 for baseball.

Cost is $30 and the application deadline in March 29.

Coaches are also being sought for each division in baseball and softball.

For more information, contact Hanover Parks Director Scott Davidson at 812-806-1042 or 812-292-4282.

• The S.W.A.T. Blue Fins swim club will be holding sign-ups and tryouts at the Southwestern High School pool on Monday, April 24 through Wednesday, April 26.

Tryouts will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The Blue Fins are designed to be a safe, fun environment for both new and experienced swimmers. It is not intended to teach beginner swim lessons, although private swim lessons are available.

Cost is $125 per swimmer and includes insurance, team shirt, team cap and team suit. The league runs from May 1 through June 24.

For more information, contact Jay Crawford at 812-599-8093 or Shelly Hamilton had 812-701-2100.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Baseball goes 2-2 at Millikin Invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover College baseball won two and lost two at the Millikin Invitational in Decatur, Illinois, over the weekend.

On Friday, the Panthers defeated Hope (Michigan) 14-4 but then lost 5-3 to Hope on Saturday. On Sunday, Hanover split a doubleheader with host Millikin, winning the first game 14-4 and losing 8-5 in game two.

Hanover pounded out 14 hits in the game one win against Hope. Jacob Dupps had a home run and drove in six runs, Jake Danneman was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and Alex Christie had a home run and a single to lead the way. Matthew Alter (2-1) struck out six to get the win and Braxton Garner picked up his first save.

Danneman was 3-for-5 with two doubles and a run scored in the game two loss to Hope. Chris Hautman (0-1) went five and two-thirds innings on the hill and took the loss.

Christie went 3-for-5 with a home run, four RBIs and three runs scored to lead Hanover in the first game against Millikin while Reid Douglas also homered and scored three times. Marcus Goodpaster (2-0) struck out eight and went the distance for the win.

Dupps and Eric Roudebush each had a single and a double in the game two loss to Millikin. John Girard suffered the loss on the hill.

Hanover, now 4-6 on the season, will take the week off before hosting Wabash for three games this weekend. The Panthers and Little Giants will play a doubleheader on Saturday and a single game on Sunday. Hanover then heads to Spalding (Kentucky) on Tuesday, March 21.

SOFTBALL SPLITS WITH CAPITAL

Hanover split a doubleheader at home with Capital (Ohio) in softball on Saturday.

The Panthers lost the opener 11-2 but regrouped to win 11-4 in the second game.

Kendra Hutchinson had a home run and drove in both runs and Mallorie Fultz went 2-for-2 with a run scored in the game-one loss. Lauren Beaman (2-5) struck out three in the loss.

Hutchinson was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, Fultz was 3-for-4 with an RBI and Kensie Bradley was 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored in the game-two win. Courtney Chookie (1-3) allowed four earned runs in five and two-thirds innings for her first win of the season.

Hanover, now 4-10 on the season, competes in the Pioneer Classic in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, this weekend. The Panthers will face Trine and Linfield

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Votto returns to Reds' lineup for 1st time

BY FRED GOODALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati's Joey Votto played in his first Cactus League game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday.

Votto had surgery to repair the biceps and the rotator cuff in his left shoulder on Aug. 19. "I knew it was getting close. I could tell by his mood. Up until yesterday, I didn't know what day it would be," Reds manager David Bell said. "He was getting live at-bats. It is still one day at a time, but the exciting part is we still have two weeks in spring training camp."

Votto missed the last 46 games of last season.

"I played in a couple sim games, but today there were no sim game options," Votto said. "I didn't want to go two days in a row without getting a live at-bat. It's been about three years since I've had a full camp. I feel like I'm more prepared this year than I have been for a while." Spring training ended early due to COVID-19 in 2020, Votto was out with COVID in 2021 during spring training and last spring shortened by the CBA lockout. "I'm going to need to accumulate some at-bats," he said. "I'm not worried about one game (opening day). I have 162 games to think about. I want to come out and be healthy for as much of the season as possible. I'm not 100%, in terms of game speed and playing well, however, I feel closer to good health. "It was a complicated surgery and it's not easy to come back from. I've been in such good hands with the surgeons and physical therapists, strength coaches. I've had fantastic support. I am grateful for that. It is part of the experience of a professional athlete. You are going to get hurt. I didn't view it as a setback."

FASTER GAMES

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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 39C01-2302-MI-116
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Jonathan Ray Thompson
Name of Minor

Heather Dawn Waters
By Next Friend

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that, Heather Dawn Waters, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on February 7, 2023 to change the name of Jonathan Ray Thompson to Jonathan Ray Waters.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Jefferson County Circuit Court on April 14th, 2023 at 11:30 A.M., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.: 39C01-2302-EU-000012

IN RE THE ESTATE OF
PAUL J. HEMMER,
DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Ruth Short was on the 21st day of February, 2023, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Paul J. Hemmer, Deceased who died on the 4th day of December, 2022.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 24th day of February, 2023.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, Indiana
Wilmer E. Goering, II
GOERING LAW LLC
817 E. Main Street, Suite B
Vevay, IN 47043
(812) 427-2135
Attorney for Personal Representative
I, hereby, certify that the foregoing complies with the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 5(G) with respect to the information excluded from the public record under Ind. Administrative Rule 9(G).
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Name: MICHAEL W RICHARDSON
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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO:
39C01-2301-GU-000001
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF
IZAIAH BOICE, a minor child.
ERICA WOMACK ,Petitioner.

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO MICHAEL GRACE

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Izaiah Boice, Erica Womack, Petitioner
Notice is hereby given to Michael Grace, whose last known whereabouts were Miami, Florida, that on January 2, 2023, Erica Womack filed in the Jefferson Circuit Court of Madison, Indiana, a Petition for Guardianship, Cause No. 39C01-2301-GU-000001. A hearing on said matter is scheduled for the 3rd day of May 2023, at 9:30 AM in the Jefferson Circuit Court located in Madison, Indiana. Should Michael Grace seek to contest this matter, he must file a motion to contest the guardianship in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. If Michael Grace does not file a motion to contest the guardianship within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for guardianship. The consent to guardianship of Izaiah Boice will be irrevocably implied and Michael Grace will lose the right to contest either the guardianship or the validity of Michael Grace's implied consent to the guardianship.
No oral statement made to Michael Grace relieves Michael Grace of Michael Grace's obligations under this notice.
This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana guardianship statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana guardianship statutes.
Petitioners' Attorney:
Ann E. Schwartz, #23770-29
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Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) with partial funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes an access management project located on State Road (SR) 62 and Michigan Road, Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana.
This notice is to inform the public of a planned public information meeting, make comment, or to request a public hearing.
The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host a public information meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023 at The Madison Consolidated High School Cafeteria, 743 Clifty Drive, Madison, Indiana 47250. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to hear and obtain information about the proposed project, raise questions and talk with project staff about their needs, concerns and ideas.
The need for this project is due to the crash frequency and severity in the project area. Crash frequency can be described in terms of Index of Crash Frequency (ICF), which is defined as the difference between expected crash frequency and the actual, reported crash frequency. Index of Crash Cost (ICC) is the difference between expected crash cost and the actual, reported cost. ICF and ICC values of 1.0 would be calculated for roadways with expected crash rate and crash cost based on the type of roadway and volume of traffic. Therefore, an ICF and/or ICC value above 1.0 would indicate a higher-than-expected crash rate and/or crash cost, respectively, for a given roadway. The purpose of this project is to improve safety at this intersection by correcting access conflicts, reducing the crash frequency, and correcting the excessively wide turning radius in the northwest quadrant of the project area.
The preferred alternative is to convert the access points to right-in / right-out only, within the project limits, in order to reduce the crash rate and improve safety. Approximately 1,050 square feet of pavement will be removed in the northwest corner of the intersection in order to reduce the turning radius. A curb turnout and 15 linear feet of paved side ditch will be created in the northwest corner to match the existing drainage pattern. The approach medians will be replaced and extended by approximately 50 feet on the north approach, 200 feet on the south approach, and 130 feet on the west approach. Full-depth patches will be installed and milling and resurfacing will occur as needed. New light emitting diode (LED) signal heads with backplates, five section signal head for northbound right turns, and flashing yellow arrows for north and southbound left turns will be installed. The signpost on the west end of the median on the west leg will be replaced.
These improvements will eliminate access to northbound Michigan Road from the south entrance of Circle K in the southwest quadrant, southbound Michigan Road from Next Generation Hearing Care in the southeast quadrant, northbound Michigan Road from the north driveway of Circle K/Mobil in the northwest quadrant, westbound SR 62 from Walgreens and Circle K in the southwest quadrant, and eastbound SR 62 from Yamato Japanese Steakhouse, GranBraz'azil, Inc., and Circle K/Mobil in the northwest quadrant, which are expected to reduce crashes and improve the safety of the intersection. Some utility relocation may be required. No additional permanent or temporary right-of-way will be required.
The project will extend 580 feet along SR 62 and 694 feet along Michigan Road, for a total of 1,274 feet. Beyond 284 feet south and 300 feet north along Michigan Road and 580 feet west along SR 62, the drive access points are less likely to be influenced by vehicles queuing in the intersection.
The MOT for the project will require single lane closures, lane shifting, and reduced speed limits through the work site. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction.
School corporations, local officials and emergency services will be notified of temporary closures prior to construction. Construction is anticipated to begin September 15, 2023 and be complete by December 1, 2023.
The construction cost associated with this project is approximately $282,031.00 with both federal and state funds anticipated to be used. This project falls within the guidelines of a Categorial Exclusion (CE) Level 4 environmental document, due to the permanent traffic alteration.
Preliminary design plans along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations:
1. Jefferson County Public Library 420 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250
2. Online at Seymour.indot.in.gov
All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of William Fortson, INDOT Seymour District, 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, Indiana or wfortson@indot.in.gov on or before March 29, 2023. However, a public information meeting is being held on March 27, 2023 at Madison Consolidated High School Cafeteria, 743 Clifty Drive, Madison, Indiana 47250. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the public information meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
Copies of project information may be mailed upon request. Additionally, any questions about the project can be directed to Marc Rape, Project Manager, Strand Associates, 629 Washington Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201 or marc.rape@strand.com.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Seymour District Office for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact William Fortson at 812-524-3745 or wfortson@indot.in.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact the INDOT Seymour District Office.
This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program."; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, "Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate."; and 3) The INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.

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Sealed bids will be received by the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, acting by and through the BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at the JEFFERSON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, 3135 Clifty Dr, Madison, Madison, Indiana 47250, until **9:00 AM** local time, **MARCH 22, 2023**, for the BRUSHY FORK ROAD AND SMALL STRUCTURE REPAIRS PROJECT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA –for the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Bids received by the time and date specified will be publicly opened and read aloud.
THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION ALONG BRUSHY FORK ROAD, RIPRAP AND GABION BASKET STABILIZATION REPAIRS ALONG BRUSHY FORK CREEK, A SMALL STRUCTURE REPAIR ON BRUSHY FORK ROAD ALONG WITH OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND RELATED ITEMS.
After review and award of a contract, expected on March 23rd, 2023, the Owner will expect documents from Contractor and provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor by MARCH 27, 2023. Contractor will then have 10 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and 60 days to achieve substantial completion and an additional 20 days to complete all work for this project, for a total of 90 days after issuance of "Notice to Proceed" to project closeout. Substantial completion date is therefore anticipated to be JUNE 5, 2023, and final completion date is therefore anticipated to be JUNE 25, 2023, based on a Notice to Proceed and Contract approval by MARCH 27, 2023. Contractor will be assessed $300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates.
Progress payments may be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.
Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 300 East Main Street, Room 101, Madison, Indiana 47250). Access to an ftp site with the Contract Documents in PDF format is available from the Engineer (FPBH, Inc., 72 HENRY STREET, P. O. Box 47, North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 812-346-2045) for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per set. Printed copies of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per set. Additional sets may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of $25.00 per set. Partial sets will not be available. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.
Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked JEFFERSON COUNTY - BRUSHY FORK ROAD & SMALL STRUCTURE REPAIRS on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work.
The JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities.

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THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A UNIT PRICE BID FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT SURFACE OVERLAYS OF EXISTING COUNTY ROADS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND RELATED ITEMS.
After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor for the specific project. Contractor will then have 10 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and until September 1, 2023 to achieve Substantial Completion and October 1, 2023 to complete all work for the project. Contractor will be assessed $300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.
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ROUNDUP

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(Oregon) on Saturday and George Fox (Oregon) and Spalding on Sunday. Hanover then heads to Asbury (Kentucky) for two games on Tuesday, March 21.

MEN'S TENNIS BEATS FRANKLIN

Hanover's men's tennis team rolled to an 8-1 win over Franklin in its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener on Saturday.

Hanover won all three doubles matches with Nicholas Coronado and Jedrek Brodzki winning 8-7 (4-0) at No. 1, Connor Garrison and Joey Keal 8-3 at No. 2 and Abhay Singh and Charley Williams 8-6 at No. 3.

In singles, Keal won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1, Brodzki won 7-5, 6-4 at No. 2, Coronado won 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3, Singh won 6-0, 6-3 at No. 4 and Ilya Gromochenko won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 6.

Hanover, now 2-5 overall and 1-0 in the HCAC, hosts Hastings (Neb.) on Tuesday and heads to Midway (Kentucky) on Thursday. The Panthers then travel to Wabash on Saturday and to Southern Indiana on Tuesday, March 21.

SC No. 1 overall seed in women's NCAA Tournament

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Dawn Staley has South Carolina six wins away from finishing off a historic season.

The Gamecocks are looking to become the 10th women's basketball team to go undefeated for an entire season as the they enter the NCAA Tournament as the No. 1 overall seed.

Staley's squad has been challenged a few times this year but has always pulled through. The defending national champions will play Norfolk State in the first round of the tournament, the NCAA selection committee revealed Sunday night.

"It didn't take a loss for us to learn from the lessons of a close game," Staley said. "Now we found ourselves in a position where we can't afford to lose."

While the Gamecocks, led by star Aliyah Boston, have been a lock to be the top seed for most of the season, several schools were vying for the other No. 1s, including Iowa, Indiana, Virginia Tech, Stanford and Utah. The Hawkeyes, led by electrifying guard Caitlin Clark, have been a top seed twice before, in 1988 and 1992.

The committee ultimately chose the Hoosiers, Hokies and Cardinal. Indiana and Virginia Tech are first-time No. 1 seeds. Stanford has been a top seed 13 times now, including in the last three tournaments.

"We spent a lot of time on a variety of things. certainly the number one line and the right teams hosting," selection committee chair Lisa Peterson said.

The tournament begins Wednesday with two First Four games. The full madness starts with 16 games Friday and 16 more the next day.

South Carolina may have the easiest path to the Final Four in Dallas as it won't have to go far from home. The Gamecocks, who are the 18th team to reach the NCAA tourney unbeaten, will play their first two games on campus before potentially heading 90 minutes away to Greenville, South Carolina, for one of the two regionals. The Gamecocks just won the Southeastern Conference Tournament at that site.

"It's great. When we got shipped out to Stockton (California, in 2017), we thought it was a drag, but we end up winning the national championship. So there are blessings in all types of situations," Staley said. "We're blessed that Greenville was a region. We're blessed that we did enough to get to sent to this region and we have to make it work for us. We know it won't be easy."

The NCAA changed its format this season and is having two regional sites for the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight rounds. Greenville hosts one and Seattle the other. Once again the top four teams in each region will host the opening two rounds.

The other top teams in South Carolina's bracket are No. 2 seed Maryland, No. 3 Notre Dame and No. 4 UCLA. The Gamecocks beat both Maryland and UCLA this season.

"I like it. Some familiarity. Take care of Norfolk State, then see where that takes us," Staley said. "I don't want to put the cart before the horse. Sometimes when you're in a tournament setting like this it's always a good thing to have played someone."

Indiana is the other top seed in Greenville. Utah is the 2 seed with LSU third and Villanova fourth.

UConn, which was the last team to go unbeaten and win the title in 2015-16, is looking to extend its own history and reach the Final Four for the 15th consecutive year. The Huskies had a difficult year with injuries but finally started to get healthy heading into March. Star guard Azzi Fudd, who missed 22 games with a knee injury, returned for the Big East Tournament and helped the Huskies win it.

Geno Auriemma's team, which has won a record 11 national championships, is a No. 2 seed in Seattle. The Hokies are the top seed in that part of the bracket. Ohio State is the 3 seed and Tennessee the 4. The Lady Vols have been in every NCAA Tournament since it started in 1982.

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